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# Annual Report

Year Ending December 31, 1971

## SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

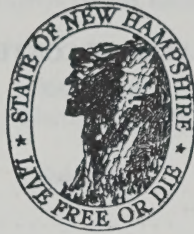


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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of Town Officers and Committees**

**SUTTON**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1971**

**and**

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1971**

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**TOWN OFFICERS**

**Moderator**

Robert S. Bristol

**Selectmen**

Charles F. Whittemore

Term expires 1972

Harold D. Hurd

Term expires 1973

Robert S. Bristol

Term expires 1974

**Town Clerk**

Evangeline A. Chadwick

**Town Treasurer**

Irene C. Davis

**Tax Collector**

Evangeline A. Chadwick

**Highway Agent**

George H. Hosmer, Jr.

**Trustees of Trust Funds**

Ralph C. Bing

Term expires 1972

John J. Wooten

Term expires 1973

James E. Jerram

Term expires 1974

**Auditors**

George H. Hosmer, Sr.

Donald J. Mitchell

**Trustees of the Library**

Alice Keller

Term expires 1972

Eleanor C. Lewis

Term expires 1972

Surissa Y. Lewis

Term expires 1973

Raymond C. Streeter

Term expires 1973

Rena M. Robinson

Term expires 1974

Amelia R. Chapman

Term expires 1974

**Police Department**

Ralph J. Whipple, Chief

Eugene F. Crowdle, Deputy

**Building Inspector**

James C. M. Tillinghast

*Town of Sutton***Overseer of Public Welfare**

George H. Hosmer, Sr.

**Health Officer**

James C. M. Tillinghast

**Librarian**

Jeanette R. Couch

**Supervisor of Check List**

Robert W. Patten (Resigned)

Term expires 1972

Sheila F. Mitchell (Appointed)

Term expires 1972

Martha S. Wells

Term expires 1974

David B. Rayno

Term expires 1976

**Custodian of Town Hall**

Jeanette R. Couch

**Fire Chief**

Carroll L. Thompson

**Fire Warden**

Carroll L. Thompson

**Civil Defense Director**

Emerson C. Bailey, Jr.

**Budget Committee**

George G. Wells

Term expires 1972

Harris E. Wheeler, Sr. (deceased)

Robert E. Preston (appointed)

Term expires 1972

Darrel Palmer (resigned)

Term expires 1973

Eugene W. Hurd

Term expires 1973

Ralph C. Bing

Term expires 1974

Carroll L. Thompson

Term expires 1974

Charles F. Whittemore, ex officio

**Planning Board**

George G. Wells	Term expires 1972
Gerhard H. Gerhard	Term expires 1972
Thomas E. Abbott (deceased)	
John H. Hearne (appointed)	Term expires 1973
Carlton R. Bradford	Term expires 1973
Barbara L. Gorton	Term expires 1974
Rita M. Hurd	Term expires 1974
Robert S. Bristol, ex officio	

**Board of Adjustment**

James C. M. Tillinghast	Carroll L. Thompson
Dawson G. Fulton (appointed)	Gerhard H. Gerhard
Robert W. Patten (resigned)	Howard G. Davison (appointed)

**Trustees of Old Store Museum**

Barbara E. Allen	Thomas R. Lowe
Irene C. Davis	Myrtle R. Wells
Robert S. Bristol	

**Conservation Commission**

William C. King	Edwin H. Keith
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## REPORT FROM THE ROUND ROOM – 1971

The cover picture, an aerial view of King Ridge, main lodge and parking lot, is used by courtesy of King Ridge, Inc.

It is fitting to make King Ridge a feature on the 1971 Town Report:

- because, December 23, 1971 marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of the ski area;
- because, such a development signals the changing land use from agriculture to recreation and other non-agricultural uses;
- because, King Ridge sets a tone as a wholesome family ski center;
- because, it sets an example of conservation as an attractive forest wilderness environment;
- because, King Ridge is noted for being a well-kept, well-run ski area;

King Ridge is important to Sutton for all of these reasons and the Town is proud to have it within its borders; more important than tax revenues, but these are important too!

### Taxes

Don't say we haven't told you about high and increasing property taxes:

1967 – “However, the name of the game is “Nip and Tuck” - to see whether valuation increases can keep pace with increases in expenditures, and thus to keep TAX RATE, and taxes within bounds.”

1968 – “It was a rocky road tax-wise in 1968 and it does not look any less rocky ahead”.

1969 – “However, the direction we are being forced to take is of mounting concern ---”.

1970 – Where is the game going to end; when the money has to come from the property tax base, and at the same time new holes are knocked through the base at nearly every session of the General Court? At the very least this is a frustrating experience, if not **down right alarming**.”

Don't say that you haven't heard about high and increasing property taxes from the state level. That is what the up-coming Special Session of the General Court is all about. From an editorial entitled: “Governor Peterson's New Tax Proposal” - Concord Monitor January 18, 1972:

“For it is the local communities, howling to the high heavens about the pressures of ever-increasing costs, ---”



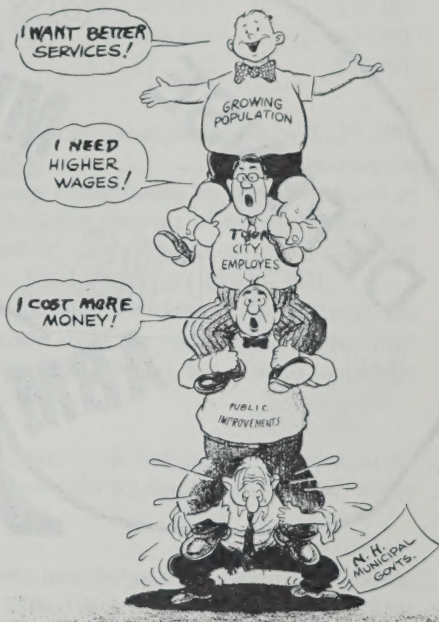
"If the local officials could convince their state representatives that only **giant injections** of state aid would ease the burden on local property taxes ---".

"We hope local officials, who perhaps recognize their obligations more than their legislative representatives, will turn the heat on the law-makers for reform of a system that was **archaic 40 years ago**".

Note: the bold type for emphasis is ours.



Low Man



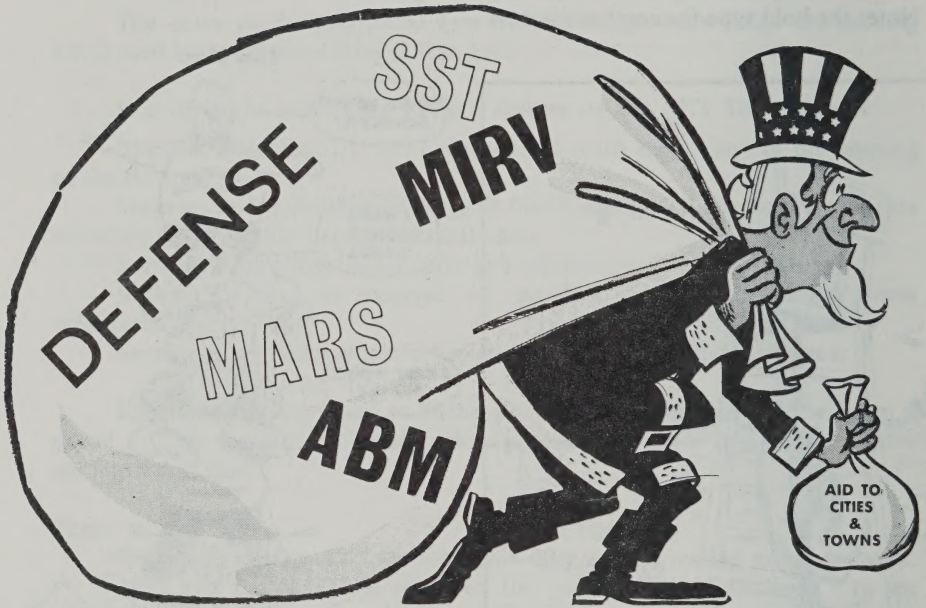
**...AND 50th  
IN STATE AID**

## TAXES

Don't say that you haven't heard about high and increasing property taxes from the National level!

From President Nixon's State of the Union message, January 20, 1972:

"Soaring School costs and soaring property tax rates now threaten both our communities and our schools. They threaten communities because property taxes - which more than doubled in ten years from 1960 to 1970 - have become one of the most oppressive and discriminatory of all taxes, --".



Surely you must be aware of what is going on in the area of property taxes it is going on in Sutton, New Hampshire - we have told you so - and you have come to the Round Room in 1971 to tell us about it in plaintive and complaining tones. In our hearts, and in our minds we agree sympathetically, but this hardly alters the facts and the problems.

There are two parts to this tax formula, v-e-r-y s-i-m-p-l-e, one is the **amount of money to be raised**, and the other is the **amount of value** on which the money is to be raised. We have talked about these two factors for years in the Town Report.

$$\text{TAX RATE} = \frac{\text{Amount to be raised}}{\text{Net taxable valuation}}$$



Let's examine the last five tax years, including 1967, or the year of revaluation by the Tax Commission, by making notes first on the money raised, and second on taxable valuation. The following table will serve for both discussions:

Year	Amount to be raised	Taxable Valuation	Rate
1967	\$152,447	\$7,564,685	\$20.00
1968	\$178,811	\$7,193,550	\$26.40
1969	\$223,252	\$7,314,890	\$30.00
1970	\$234,910	\$7,494,680	\$31.00
1971	\$281,735	\$10,512,535	\$26.80

In five years time the amount to be raised by taxes increased by \$129,288, we repeat the amount **increased** by \$129,288. An 85% increase in five years! This is not the amount of money being raised by property taxes in this little Town of Sutton in **one** year, this is the amount of money **more** than we raised only five years ago. The amount of money being raised in the little Town of Sutton in one year, 1971, is \$281,735; yes, \$281,735!!

Just let that sink in for a moment! Divided among 600 inhabitants this amounts to \$470.00 for each man, woman **and** child per year; and children don't pay taxes, (yet), **and** it is to be hoped that the retired and elderly could be relieved of some of the burden.

Perhaps it would help you to understand this better if you were to sit where we do and write a check to the School District once **each quarter** of the year in the amount of \$48,131.00.

The sum of money to be raised comes into being in the month of March, generally speaking. It comes about each time there is a vote for some money to be raised to spend on some school and local governmental service. This is to simple an explanation, we admit, but by and large this is true. Considering that both factors in our formula remain constant, for each \$1000 to be raised, the rate is increased 9½ cents. **Only** 95 cents for each \$10,000 to be raised! That doesn't sound like much; but the proof of the pudding is when you start to eat it. And this pudding is "eaten" when the tax bills arrive in the Fall and the total amount to be raised is apportioned to each tax payer in his own 'individualized', little, old tax bill. On your property valued at \$20,000 in 1971 the tax bill was \$536.00. So you vote for \$20,000 increased expenditures for a newly projected department; the Tax Rate becomes \$28.70 per thousand of valuation instead of \$26.80, and your bill becomes \$574.00. \$38.00 more than in 1971. You're being robbed, you say, and the Selectmen are doing it! How about that! Who voted for the additional expenditures? Huh? Also bear in mind that the assessment for school purposes could increase, for a guess, 10 - 20%. Using an estimate of 15%, or an increase of \$2.75 on the tax rate for this purpose, with additional spending as just suggested above the rate could be \$26.80 (1971), + \$1.90, + \$2.75 or \$31.45 in 1972. And based n 1971 valuations the \$20,000 property bears a charge of \$629.00 or \$93.00 **increase**. More wails of agony!



### So what about Valuations?

The 1967 evaluation of properties was considered by the State Tax Commission (they did it) to be 100% of full and true value. As of April 1, 1970 that commission's survey, for equalized valuation purposes, showed that the ratio of assessments to sales was determined to be 69%, or so they said. In other words on the basis of 1970 real estate market conditions the position of valuations compared to actual sales had slipped 31%. Chapter 75, Sec. 1, R.S.A. recites: "The Selectmen **shall** appraise all taxable property at its **full** and **true** value in money as they would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due from a solvent debtor, --"

It appeared to us as of April 1, 1971 that it was indeed time for a realinement of values once again; three times this has been done in recent history, 1957, 1961, and 1967, or about once in each five years. Since the latest revaluation had been done by the State Tax Commission we consulted with them concerning our efforts in 1971. Their advice was that real estate values had changed so drastically in five years that the assessments made at that time might as well be scrapped, especially in the evaluation of land. So with their full knowledge we embarked on a realinement of values. Indeed this is one of the duties of the Selectmen, R.S.A., Chapter 75, Sec. 1 (again): "The Selectmen **shall appraise** all taxable property ---" No "ifs", "ands", or "buts" about it, what could be plainer: **The Selectmen shall appraise.**

Another whole year's worth of real estate sales, April 1, 1970 to April 1, 1971 had taken place since the Commission's survey (noted above) and this was available for our use; and using the sales values of land and buildings in this most recent two year period, ratios of sales prices to assessed values were determined. The ratios were applied to the 1967 values of the Tax Commission to determine 1971 values. Thus the 1967 figures were, in **many** instances, a guide for 1971. Percentage ratios were **not** used 'across the board.; but we exercised our judgment to iron out inequities we believed existed. Once again: "**The Selectmen shall appraise ---.**"

It should be pointed out that while 1967 values were determined by an outside "team" the figures reflect their opinions and judgments. In 1971 the figures reflect our opinions and judgments. We state that the opinions and judgments expressed in 1967, or the opinions and judgments expressed in 1971 are not infallible. There is nothing "sacred" about 1967, **nor** is there anything "sacred" about 1971. "The Selectmen shall appraise ---".

The additional burden of this work of re-valuation was done by this board without **any** **additonal** expense in money; only expense in **time**, our times, to the tune of two to three evenings a week, April through August.



*"Let's not bother him now — he's on his lunch hour."*

### The 1971 Results?

The overall valuation of the Town increased by 40%. On being notified of the new total valuation, the Tax Commission changed the level of assessments (ratio) as of April 1, 1971 to 100%. In the case of the valuation exemption for elderly persons, it was re-computed from \$3650.00 to \$5000.00. And the proportionality factor applied to all classes of taxable properties, including the large public utility is 100%.

The Tax Rate, without any change in valuation, either "real" or revalued, would have risen \$6.60 instead of dropping \$4.20.

Comparing the results of revaluation with actual sales, April 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971 it appears that market values are still way ahead of the Town's assessed values. There have been forty-two comparable sales in that period of time; of these the towns figures are low in thirty-four instances and higher in only eight transfers.

On an average in the thirty-four transfers of property sale prices are 260% higher than assessed values. In the eight sales the Town's valuations are 30% higher than sales figures.

It is abundantly evident that present assessments are **not** 100% of sale value and that real estate prices are indeed soaring - how high? - how long? Who knows! We submit that many property owners do not realize what is happening to the value of the old homestead, pasture, wood lot, or what-have-you that they have been taking for granted.

At this point we are not proposing, or even hinting that another re-alignment of valuations be made in 1972; but we do point out that evidence points to the fact that taxable property is **not** appraised at "its full and true value" when value is considered to be sale value in a free market.

Many tax payers, we are sure, are unhappy with the results of the 1971 revaluation, many are down right disatisfied, and even disgusted. As they say: 'you can't win 'em all'. We point to the evidence of the universality of the problem of high real estate taxes, see quotes above, and we point to the underlined words of the editorial "- for reform of a (tax) system that was archaic 40 years ago." We, you and we (Selectmen) are witnessing the creaking and groaning of a system (property taxation) that is apparently on the verge of breaking down. It is hurting many of us financially, and many are screaming to high heavens of the injustices, and inequities of it - we agree. And the spleen and the wrath of citizens are vented on the inmates of Town offices, who for their part are only trying their human best to make the faltering machinery work. We suggest attention be turned to amending public tax policy; turn attention to the General Court.





**What are the prospects of taxes in the future?**

TERRIBLE! A major overhaul of the tax structure is urgently needed. "Giant injections of State Aid" as suggested in the editorial quoted above, **might** help, but this procedure raises questions about local control, and related problems. The effect of tax policies on the development of land raise other serious doubts as some owners are forced to sell making subdivisions where new home owners come to reside and then require more services - giving rise to more taxes, and more subdivision, to a point which no one could dare predict. We run as scared as we have since 1967.

**Help Wanted**

The advertisement on the back cover asks for volunteers for various committees, and offices in town. It is our feeling that many people may be interested in one or more of the various jobs, but their interests, and talents are unknown to us. It would be far more satisfactory to have individuals tell us what they might like to do and this information could be translated into assignments on the several committees; or to fill vacancies in Town Offices. Please leave your name at the Round Room office with the secretary during the day, Mondays, or with the Selectmen Monday evenings, and before March 7, 1972.

**Street Lights**

Street lights are paid for by the unit whether they burn or not. We all want to get full value from these lights and too frequently bulbs are not functioning and do not get reported. Would you please help by noting the numbers on the pole of a non-burning light and then call the Secretary at the Town Office on Mondays or the Selectmen Monday evening to report the mal-function. The electric utility needs to know the pole number and general location, viz. Sutton Mills, South Sutton, etc.

**Earth Day**

For the past two years there have been successful clean up days. The first one was completely spontaneous, but in 1971 the "Earth Day" was encouraged by the Selectmen to the extent of setting the date, asking for volunteers, calling for a brigade of pick-up trucks, etc. We hope that this type of "work bee" will be continued in 1972 in the interest of cleaning up the town and for a lift in community spirit. Perhaps even by expanding the activity to more permanent benefits such as tree and shrub planting.

**Street Signs**

At long last it is possible to report that many of the street name sign boards have been installed. Some attractive cedar posts were obtained, adapter brackets were put on the signs; and through the efforts of George Hosmer, Ralph Carroll and Charles Whittemore the job was well started on a Saturday afternoon last Fall. A mechanical auger rented for the occasion is part of this success story.

**Keyser Lake**

For the past couple of years the Town has made a contribution of \$500.00 annually to the cost of the aeration project at the lake. The New England Regional Commission supported most of the cost; the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission, the Fish and Game Department, and other agencies also contributing time and talent. While we recognize that this is a temporary palliative, the thermal destratification of the lake by this means does provide a welcome relief from the extreme discoloration of the water that there has been in the past, and this improvement should help to support property values around the lake. However, all financial support is now being withdrawn and the town will have to shoulder the cost of the project if there is to be a project at all. The cost is estimated to be \$5,000.00 annually. It is to be hoped that the Town of New London will share this expense and an item in the amount of \$2,500.00 is included in their budget for their 1972 meeting.

**Police Department**

This department has functioned well for several years, and as far as we know in this office, the lack of complaints, indicates its success, and appears to show that the service being offered is adequate. Recently we received a complimentary letter for courteous service given by one of our policemen.

A sum of money for an enlarged police force is being considered by the Budget Committee. Included in this proposal is money for a police cruiser, and salaries up to \$7,500.00 apiece for two police officers.

It is our view that the department is filling the need for police service adequately at this time and therefore any further expansion of the department is premature. We are skeptical of any promised aid for police work from the federal government that might help temporarily but which also could be withdrawn even the very next year after it had been granted. It looks possible that the town could become the sole support for a program initiated with partial federal support, and that once started expansion might evolve into more expansion; in these Northern climes we call it snowballing

**Capital Reserve Fund - Highway Equipment**

Over many years we have made an annual appropriation of \$8,000.00 for equipment. This is a year in which there is no specific request for new equipment, but we urge continuing the appropriation for this purpose. \$6,000.00 of the usual appropriation is to pay off notes; \$2,000.00 would be set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund for the future. In order to keep equipment up to date it is necessary to provide for continuing replacement, and is short-sighted not to prepare for these anticipated purchases. In addition to this there is a balance of \$1,650.00 in last year's appropriation which we believe should be added to the \$2,000.00 just mentioned for this Capital Reserve Fund.

Year	Total	Grader	Truck 4wd	No. 1 Chasis	No. 2 Chassis	Capital reserve or unassigned
1971	\$8,000	\$3,500	\$1,625	\$1,650	\$1,225	
1972	\$8,000	\$3,500			\$2,500	\$2,500
1973	\$8,000				\$2,500	\$5,500
1974	\$8,000				\$2,475	\$5,425
1975	\$8,000					\$8,000

### To call at the Round Room

It would be advantageous to all concerned when anyone comes to the Round Room on business with the Selectmen to make an appointment at least one week in advance. An appointment may be made by notifying any one of the Selectmen, or the Town Secretary. The latter is in the office each and every Monday, all day. Also it would be helpful to have the purpose, or business of the proposed visit state at the time the appointment is made; frequently this would avoid delays, and possibly eliminate second visits.

Your cooperation is solicited.

### Tank Truck, Fire Department

The purchase of a tank truck for the Fire Department has been the subject of lengthy discussions in the Budget Committee and at the Fire Meetings. The present tank truck at the Fire House is an old (1947) oil tank truck, converted by the donated labor of the firemen themselves, ten years or so ago. It is more than evident that the many "free" man hours to do such conversion will not be available again and that a second hand truck of this nature has had the good taken out of it by previous owners.

A second proposition considered was to convert a Town Highway truck chassis with the addition of a tank for Fire Department use; but with the conversion being paid for and done by a commercial garage.

The third proposition discussed was the purchase of a new tank truck. Article 5 in the Warrant asks for appropriation of \$11,350 for the purchase of a new tank truck and borrowing through 1974 in the amount of \$7,350.00.

Article 6 in the Warrant asks for a Capital Reserve fund for fire equipment in the amount of \$250.00; this is the "usual" amount requested and is intended to provide for replacement of hose and other equipment.

In the process of debating the pros and cons of the tank truck it became apparent that the Fire Department had more concerns than that one truck, including such major items as replacing the "new" (1963) fire truck eleven years, more or less, hence; replacing all hose; and possibly a new fire station. Therefore, it seems practical to have a study group delve into these "problems" and report a



in a year's time on a time and money schedule when these necessities have to be met; and to meet them over a long enough period of time to spread the tax burden in an equitable manner. Article 7 asks for the appointment of a committee for the study of Fire Department needs.

### **Poor Farm**

In another section of the Town Report are excerpts from old town records concerning the support of town poor and developments concerning the Town Poor Farm. It is not meant to suggest that the tax load of 1971 might be driving some tax payers to the poor farm; the notes on that establishment are inserted only because the record is in itself, interesting.

At one point we considered including in this year's warrant one of the articles from an old Warrant for the Annual Meeting in which the question proposed is the establishment of a Town Poor Farm. It was thought better not to raise this issue for the reason that the tax burden would only be increased should the vote be favorable on this subject; and we do not need more of the same. Further it should be noted from the records that the Town Farm was not self-supporting, or a money maker as first anticipated, but proved to be a continual drain on town finances.

### **Town Report**

January 27 word was received that the Sutton Town Report for the year ending December 31, 1970 had received the first place award for the State of New Hampshire. Automatically this places our Report in the New England competition.

### **Supper - Election Day**

March 7, Election Day, Primary Day a public supper will be served in the dining room of the Town Hall, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Proceeds for the benefit of the King's Daughters.

### **March 14, 1832**

On motion voted that from this day that no person shall be allowed to let cattle run at large on the publick common or highway; and in case any person or persons do so offend, they shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every ox, cow, heifer or steer, that shall be found so offending, on half to the use of the prosecutor and the other half to the use of the town.

### **March 14, 1837**

Voted that the Sextons shall shovel paths to graves in the winter. Voted that the Sextons cause the graves to be dug four feet deep from the top of coffin.

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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**TOWN WARRANT**



**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton the seventh day of March next, at twelve Noon, the polls to be open from twelve Noon and to be closed no earlier than 6:30 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subject:

1. To choose all necessary officers.

Given under our hands and seal this second day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Charles F. Whittemore  
Harold D. Hurd  
Robert S. Bristol  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Charles F. Whittemore  
Harold D. Hurd  
Robert S. Bristol  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE****TOWN WARRANT**

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton the eighth day of March next at 7:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same:

**General Expenses of Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,575.00
Town Officers' Expenses	6,000.00
Election and Registration	500.00
Town Hall	2,500.00
Social Security	2,500.00

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police Department	\$ 3,700.00
Fire Department	2,050.00
Forest Fires	200.00
White Pine Blister Rust	70.00
Planning Board & Zoning Board	150.00
Insurance	3,500.00

**Health and Sanitation:**

Health Department	\$ 150.00
New London Hospital	600.00
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	802.50
Vital Statistics	20.00
Care of Dump	2,000.00

**Sutton Free Library:** \$ 800.00

**Aid to Persons on Public Welfare:**

Town Poor	\$ 200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00



Observance of Memorial Day and other Celebrations:	\$ 250.00
Commons and Recreation:	\$ 150.00
Advertising and Regional Associations:	
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	\$ 100.00
Interest:	
Temporary Loan	\$ 1,800.00
Long Term Notes	500.00
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Total appropriation, Town Charges	\$35,617.50

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the repair of Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	\$46,000.00
Street Lighting	1,700.00
General Expenses Highway Department	1,500.00
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	\$49,200.00

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,444.70 and the State to contribute \$9,631.36 for Town Road Aid.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Equipment and to appropriate a balance from 1971 appropriations in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the same purpose and in addition thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,350.00 for the purchase of a tank truck for the Fire Department; \$4,000.00 to be raised by taxes in 1972, the balance to be raised in notes to be paid as follows: \$4,000.00 in 1973, and \$3,350.00 in 1974.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for a Capital Reserve Fund for equipment for the Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three, one member of the Fire Department, one a member of the Planning Board, and one a member "at large", to study the needs of the Fire Department, and to submit a report to the Budget Committee, no later than December 31, 1972.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the control of Algae in Kezar Lake.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to be used by the Blaisdell Lake Property Owners Association to purchase water testing equipment and chemicals recommended by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission for periodic testing of the water in Balisdell Lake to determine bacteria, phosphate and nitrate content in the process of preventing the growth of Algae in Balisdell Lake. Said testing to be done solely by a member of the Association who is qualified and approved by an official of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control commission.
10. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Shaker Street to Shaker Road.
11. To see if the Town will vote to accept any of the moneys received for the establishment of trust funds received during the year since the last Annual Meeting.
12. To see what action the Town may wish to take on the disposition of interest from the F. E. Nelson Fund, Town of Sutton Trust Fund.
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Charles F. Whittemore,  
Harold D. Hurd,  
Robert S. Bristol,  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Charles F. Whittemore,  
Harold D. Hurd,  
Robert S. Bristol,  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1972

with comparison of 1971 appropriations

Note: Budget items listed below are in the same order as the corresponding Articles in the Warrant

	1971 Appropriations	1972 Recommendations
<b>General Government</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,575.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000.00	6,000.00
Election and Registration	350.00	500.00
Town Hall	2,500.00	2,500.00
Social Security (FICA)	3,000.00	2,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 14,850.00	<hr/> \$ 16,075.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property</b>		
Police Department	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00
Submitted without recommendation of Budget Committee \$25,000.00		
Fire Department	1,500.00	2,050.00
Forest Fire	200.00	200.00
White Pine Blister Rust	80.00	70.00
Planning Board & Zoning Board	150.00	150.00
Building Inspector		
Insurance	3,400.00	3,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 9,030.00	<hr/> \$ 9,670.00
<b>Health and Sanitation</b>		
Health Department	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
New London Hospital	600.00	600.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	20.00
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	802.50	802.50
Care of Dump	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 3,517.50	<hr/> \$ 3,572.50



<b>Sutton Free Library</b>	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Town Poor	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Soldiers Aid	100.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
<b>Memorial Day and Other celebrations</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Commons and Recreation</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Cemeteries</b>	\$ 1,000.00	-
<b>Advertising and Regional Association</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Interest</b>		
Temporary Loans	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
Long Term Notes	<u>\$ 450.00</u>	<u>\$ 875.00</u>
	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 3,425.00
<b>Total Appropriations Article No. 1</b>	\$ 35,147.50	\$ 36,092.50
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>		
Town Maintenance	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
Street Lighting	1,600.00	1,700.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Appropriation Article No. 2</b>	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 49,200.00
<b>Town Road Aid</b>	\$ 1,656.47	\$ 1,444.70
<b>Capital Reserve Fund, Highway Department</b>	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Tank Truck, Fire Department</b>	-	\$ 11,350.00
<b>Capital Reserve Fund, Fire Department</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Kezar Lake, Aeration</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Blaisdell Lake Property,     Owners' Association</b>	-	\$ 250.00
<b>Long Term Notes</b>	\$ 6,775.00	\$ 5,500.00

Sealing Roads	\$ 3,500.00	
New Equipment	\$ 8,700.00	
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$105,458.97	\$111,587.20
Less Estimated Receipts	\$ 25,000.00	\$52,013.92
Estimated Amount to be raised by Property Tax	\$ 80,458.97	\$ 59,573.28

## REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

**Town of Sutton, New Hampshire**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1971**

We, the Auditors of the Town of Sutton, have examined the books of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, and the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 1971, compared their figures and vouchers, and find the same correct.

George H. Hosmer  
Donald J. Mitchell,  
Auditors, Town of Sutton

**TAXES ASSESSED IN 1971**  
**with comparative figures for 1970**

	1971	1970
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000.00	3,075.00
Election and Registration	350.00	450.00
Town Hall	2,500.00	2,500.00
Social Security (F.I.C.A.)	3,000.00	1,500.00
Police Department	3,800.00	2,000.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	1,700.00	1,700.00
White Pine Blister Rust	80.00	80.00
Insurance	3,400.00	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	150.00	100.00
Health Department	100.00	50.00
New London Hospital	600.00	600.00
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	802.50	622.50
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Dump	2,000.00	800.00
Town Highway Maintenance	46,000.00	31,500.00
Street Lighting	1,600.00	2,000.00
General Expenses		
Highway Department	1,200.00	750.00
Town Road Aid	1,656.47	1,675.26
Library	800.00	800.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,000.00
Town Poor	200.00	1,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	100.00	100.00
Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	280.00	200.00
Parks and Recreation	150.00	225.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee	100.00	
Aeration at Kezar Lake	500.00	500.00
George Salo Land		900.00
Capital Reserve Fund (Fire Department)	250.00	250.00
Interest, Temporary Loans	2,200.00	2,200.00
Interest, Long Term Notes	450.00	545.00
Long Term Notes	6,775.00	8,000.00
Sealing Town Roads	3,500.00	
New Truck	8,700.00	
Appropriations	\$105,458.97	\$ 75,137.76



County Tax Assessment	\$ 18,305.32	\$ 12,881.44
School Tax, Kearsarge Regional	192,527.55	164,351.19
Total Appropriations	\$316,291.84	\$252,370.39
Plus Overlay	3,196.33	2,575.69
Plus War Service Credits	2,350.00	2,000.00
Total amount needed to carry on Town and School Services, including County Tax	\$321,838.17	\$256,946.08

### SOURCES OF REVENUE 1971

The funds needed to provide the above listed appropriations made by Town, School District, and County was based on the estimates, at which the Tax Rate was computed, from the following sources:

	1971	1970
Property Tax	\$279,385.94	\$230,335.08
Poll Tax		538.00
Interest & Dividends Tax	7,020.00	4,862.00
Savings Bank Tax	561.00	587.00
Yield Tax Sources	1,801.00	952.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,500.00	6,900.00
War Service Tax Credit	2,350.00	2,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,910.00	2,616.00
Dog Licenses & Permits	250.00	284.00
Business Licenses, Permits	100.00	100.00
Interest on Taxes	931.23	500.00
Rent of Town Property	120.00	120.00
Municipal Court (Dogs)		60.00
Reimbursement a/c Stock in Trade & Machinery	2,099.00	1,992.00
Highway Subsidy	8,720.00	
Notes Authorized	7,475.00	
Retained Resident Tax	2,035.00	
Cash Surplus		5,000.00
Reimbursement a/c State Land		100.00
Total Revenue	\$322,258.17	\$256,946.08

Tax Rate, 1971 with comparative figures for 1970

1971 Tax Rate \$26.80 =	<u>\$281,735.94</u>	TAX RATE =
	\$10,512,535.00	<u>Amount to be raised</u>
1970 Tax Rate \$31.00 =	<u>\$232,335.08</u>	Net Taxable Valuation
	\$7,494,680.00	

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1971

## TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Name of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Expended	Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 947.00	\$ 4,319.90	\$ 627.10	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	5,000.00		5,433.68		433.68
Election and Registration	350.00	9.00	352.75	6.25	
Town Hall	2,500.00	361.35	1,927.05	934.30	
Social Security	3,000.00	1,826.78	3,652.78	1,173.61	
Police Department	3,700.00	596.26	3,093.02	1,203.24	
Fire Department	1,500.00		1,402.85	97.15	
Forest Fire	200.00	120.00	92.86	227.14	
White Pine Blister Rust	80.00		80.00		
Insurance	3,400.00		3,418.44		18.44
Planning and Zoning	150.00	115.00	345.71		80.71
Health Department	100.00		107.00		7.00
New London Hospital	600.00		600.00		
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	802.50		802.50		
Algae Control, Kezar Lake	500.00			500.00	
Town Dump	2,000.00		1,842.31	157.69	
Town Maintenance	46,000.00	1,641.64	47,390.23	251.41	
Street Lighting	1,600.00		1,722.12		122.12
General Expenses Highway Department	1,200.00		1,487.08		287.08

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Town Road Aid	1,449.41		1,449.41		
Library	800.00	426.55	1,226.55		
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	89.25	1,515.74	1,073.51	
Town Poor	200.00		409.80		209.80
Soldiers' Aid	100.00			100.00	
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	250.00	13.60	230.00	33.60	
Recreation	100.00		100.00		
Care of Common	50.00			50.00	
Sealing Town Raods	3,500.00			3,500.00	
Cemeteries	1,000.00		1,101.59		101.59
Advertising and Regional Association	100.00		100.00		
New Truck	1,225.00	7,475.00	8,836.05		136.05
Payment on Notes	6,775.00		1,625.00	5,150.00	
Fire Equipment	250.00		250.00		
Interest, Temporary Notes	2,200.00	1,114.85	258.75	3,056.10	
Interest, Long Term Notes	450.00		65.00	385.00	
Vital Statistics	15.00		18.50		3.50
Building Inspector		688.73	246.20	442.53	
Signs		297.50	92.85	204.65	
Total	\$ 97,646.91	\$15,722.12	\$95,595.72	\$19,173.28	\$1,399.97
Total Amount Available	\$113,369.03	Total Balances		\$19,172.28	
Less Amount Expended	95,595.72	Less Overdrafts		1,399.97	
NET BALANCE	\$17,773.31			\$17,773.31	



## BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1971	\$107,385.64
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## Accounts Due Town:

## 1. Capital Reserve Funds:

A. Bridges	\$ 1,750.92
B. Fire Equipment	2,215.15
C. Highway Equipment	132.62
D. Land & Buildings	92.14
E. War Memorial	1,733.59
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5,924.42

## Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1970	7,321.90
Levy of 1969	4,124.43
Previous Years	1,806.97
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13,253.30

## Uncollected Taxes:

Property 1970	58,997.83
Yield 1971	337.51
Yield 1970	998.46
Yield previous	1,219.66
Poll 1970 & Previous	38.00
Head 1970 & Previous	65.00
Resident Tax 1971	1,230.00
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62,886.46

## TOTAL ASSETS

\$189,449.82

# **BALANCE SHEET**

## **LIABILITIES**

### **Unexpended Balances, special Appropriations:**

Town Hall	\$ 2,029.37
Sealing Roads	3,500.00
Bridge	6,491.43
Building Inspector	442.53
Algae Control	500.00
Payment on notes (Long Term)	5,150.00
Payment on Notes (Tax Anticipation)	<u>45,000.00</u>

\$ 63,113.33

### **Due State of New Hampshire**

Head Taxes Uncollected	65.00
Resident Taxes (Uncollected)	553.50
Yield Tax Retirement (Collected) not remitted 243.94 (Uncollected \$425.93)	<u>669.87</u>

1,288.37

### **Due School District**

Balance 1970 - 1971 Appropriation	102,527.55
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### **Capital Reserve Funds**

5,924.42

### **Long Term Notes**

3,500.00

### **Total Liabilities**

\$176,353.67

### **Excess of Assets over Liabilities**

13,096.15

### **GRAND TOTAL**

\$189,449.82

Surplus 12/31/70	\$30,028.23
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Surplus 12/31/71	<u>13,096.15</u>
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Total Surplus	43,096.38
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Increase of Surplus	\$13,096.15
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## INVENTORY OF GROSS VALUATION, APRIL 1, 1971

## AND COMPARISON WITH APRIL 1, 1970

	1971	1970
Land	\$4,685,025.00	\$2,793,330.00
Buildings	5,497,710.00	4,282,850.00
House Trailers	17,950.00	23,300.00
Electric Plants	371,500.00	311,300.00
Ski Tows		119,100.00
Vehicles (Golf Carts)		19,100.00
Boats and Launches	<u>10,350.00</u>	<u>10,200.00</u>
Total Valuation	\$10,582,535.00	\$7,559,180.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 of Valuation	\$26.80	\$31.00
Number of Veterans receiving Property Exemption	47	40
Elderly Exemptions	14	14 1/3





## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

### Summary of Property Taxes

	1971	1970
Warrant, Property Taxes	\$279,578.39	\$
Uncollected Property Taxes		38,636.24
Additional Property Taxes	856.59	
Interest Collected		922.63
Total	\$280,434.98	\$39,558.87
Paid to Treasurer	\$20,268.25	\$38,574.24
Interest Paid		922.63
Abatements	1,168.90	62.00
Uncollected Taxes	58,997.83	
Total	\$280,434.98	\$39,558.87

### Summary of Resident Taxes

Warrant, Resident Taxes	\$3,960.00
Penalties	22.00
Additional Resident Taxes	30.00
	\$4,012.00
Paid to Treasurer	\$2,320.00
Penalties	22.00
Abatements	440.00
Uncollected Resident Taxes	1,230.00
	\$4,012.00

### Summary of Poll Taxes

	1970	Prev. Years
Uncollected Poll Taxes	\$162.00	\$ 52.00
Interest Collected	8.60	
Total	\$ 170.60	\$52.00

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Paid to Treasurer	\$112.00	
Interest Collected	8.60	
Abatements	12.00	12.00
Uncollected Poll Taxes	38.00	40.00
Total	\$170.60	\$52.00

**Summary of Head Taxes**

	1970	Prev. Years
Uncollected Head Taxes	\$520.00	\$145.00
Penalties Collected	41.00	
Total	\$561.00	\$145.00

Paid to Treasurer	\$420.00	
Penalties Collected	41.00	
Abatements	35.00	70.00
Uncollected Head Taxes	65.00	75.00
Total	\$561.00	\$145.00

**Summary of Timber Taxes**

	1971	1970	Prev. Years
Warrant, Timber Taxes	\$1,801.16	\$	\$
Uncollected Timber Taxes		998.46	1,219.66
Total	\$1,801.16	\$998.46	\$1,219.66

Paid to Treasurer	\$1,463.65		
Uncollected Timber Taxes	337.51	998.46	1,219.66
Total	\$1,801.16	\$998.46	\$1,219.66

**Summary of Tax Sales**

	1970	1969	Prev. Years
Taxes Sold to Town During Fiscal Year	\$9,912.29	\$	\$
Taxes Sold to Others	66.92		
Balance Unredeemed Taxes		4,470.48	2,859.57
Interest Collected After Sale	28.26	32.86	122.50
Total	\$10,007.47	\$4,503.34	\$2,982.07

Remittances to Treasurer	2,590.39	346.05	897.10
Interest Collected After Sale	28.26	32.86	122.50
Unredeemed Taxes, Town 1/1/72	7,321.90	4,124.43	1,806.97
To Others:	66.92		155.50
Total	\$10,007.47	\$4,503.34	\$2,982.07



## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Cash Balance, January 1, 1971	\$47,488.32
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### CURRENT REVENUE:

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — 1971	\$220,268.25
Property Taxes — Previous Years	38,574.24
Yield Taxes — 1971	1,463.65
Resident Taxes — 1971	2,320.00
Resident Tax Penalties	22.00
Interest Received on Taxes	931.23
Poll Taxes — Previous Years	112.00
State Head Taxes — Previous Years	420.00
State Head Tax Penalties	41.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	4,017.16

268,169.53

#### State of New Hampshire:

Class V Highway Maintenance	6,904.81
Interest and Dividends Tax	7,019.79
Savings Bank Tax	561.35
Meals and Room Tax	2,934.97
D. P. W. and H. W. — H. W. subsidy	8,719.48
Bounties	22.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	569.25
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax	2,099.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Reserve Land	105.40

28,936.05

**Current Revenue Local Sources Other Than Taxes:**

Dog Licenses and Penalties	239.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	274.00
Rent of Town Property	352.00
Income from Trust Funds	2,717.02
Income from Departments:	
Highway Department	1,650.99
Fire Department	120.00
Police Department	524.26
Planning Board	40.00
Board of Adjustment	75.00
Motor Vehicles	9,092.43
Credit to Town Officers' Expenses	12.25

15,096.95**TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS**\$312,202.53**RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:**

Temporary Loans — in anticipation of taxes	\$90,000.00
Long Term Notes	7,475.00
Sale of Town Property	20.30
Sale of Cemetery Lots	735.00
New Trust Funds	700.00
Reimbursement a/c Blue Cross and Blue Shield	309.00
Reimbursement a/c T. R. A.	6,301.16
Gift	13.60

**Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue**\$105,554.06**Total Receipts and Cash Balance**\$465,244.91**Less Cash Disbursements**357,859.27**Cash Balance December 31, 1971**\$107,385.64

Irene C. Davis, Treasurer





## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1971

Received from 1970 Auto Permits	\$ 163.57	
Received from 1971 Auto Permits	8,881.48	
Received from 1972 Auto Permits	<u>47.38</u>	
		\$9,092.43

Paid To Treasurer for 1970 Permits	163.57	
Paid to Treasurer for 1971 Permits	8,881.48	
Paid to Treasurer for 1972 Permits	<u>47.38</u>	
		\$9,092.43

### Dog Licenses Issued

For 1971 Dog Licenses:		
106 Males @ \$2.00	\$212.00	
5 Females @\$5.00	25.00	
4 Kennels @ \$12.00	48.00	
Penalties Collected	<u>19.00</u>	
		\$304.00
Less Commission & Expenses		<u>65.00</u>
		\$239.00
Paid to Treasurer		\$239.00

### Town Clerk's Salary

Evangeline A. Chadwick, Town Clerk

Elections, etc.	\$ 35.00	
Auto Permits	633.00	
Copying Records	36.00	
Copying Vital Statistics	<u>18.50</u>	
		\$722.50
Expenses, Postage, Supplies, etc.,		
Mailing Town Reports, etc.	67.90	
Town Clerks' Association Convention	<u>19.00</u>	
		\$ 86.90

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Board suffered the loss of Ted Abbott, and John Hearne was appointed to fill the vacancy.

At a special Town Meeting the Zoning Ordinance was amended, following two public hearings, in the manner recommended by the Board, as explained in our last report.

During the year the Board held hearings with respect to nineteen proposed subdivisions in the Town, the majority of which involved small subdivisions creating no more than four parcels. The procedure for securing the Board's approval of these small subdivisions has been made as simple as possible.

The problem of waste disposal has continued to have the Board's attention, as we are very conscious of the need to make new arrangements before the 1975 deadline for terminating burning at the Town dump. Several members of the Board attended an all day Solid Waste Disposal Conference at Concord on December 16. The Board has been keeping in touch with experimental projects in the field and has communicated with other towns in the area in an effort to ascertain their plans and explore the possibility of joint disposal arrangements.

The Board has made an investigation and submitted a report to the Selectmen, with a view to possible legal action, regarding a developer that apparently transferred lots in a subdivision before its approval by the Board.

As required by an Act of the 1971 Legislature, the Board has drafted and is considering proposed regulations regarding driveways and other accesses to Town roads, comparable to the new State regulations requiring permits for driveways onto State highways.

A report was prepared and submitted to the Selectmen concerning old unused roads and parts of roads that the Town might wish to discontinue subject to gates and bars, in order to relieve the Town from the duty to plow and maintain them.

The Board is pleased to note that some of the road signs that it was instrumental in procuring several years ago have finally been planted.

At the Board's instigation a joint meeting of the Sutton Selectmen and the Board members with the New London Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the discharge of effluent from the New London Sewer System into Lion Brook and hence into Kezar Lake.

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

1.	Town Officers' Salaries	\$4,319.90
2.	Town Officers' Expenses	5,433.68
3.	Election & Registration	352.75
4.	Town Hall	1,927.05
5.	Social Security	3,652.78
6.	Police Department	3,093.02
7.	Fire Department	1,402.85
8.	Forest Fire	92.86
9.	White Pine Blister Rust	80.00
10.	Bounties	
11.	Insurance	3,418.44
12.	Building Inspector	246.20
13.	Planning & Zoning	345.71
14.	Health Department, New London Hospital & K.V.N.A.	1,509.50
15.	Vital Statistics	18.50
16.	Kezar Lake	
17.	Dump	1,842.31
18.	Town Maintenance	47,390.23
19.	Town Road Aid	14,276.30
20.	Street Lighting	1,722.12
21.	General Expenses Highway Department	1,487.08
22.	Library	1,226.55
23.	Old Age Assistance	1,515.74
24.	Town Poor	409.80
25.	Soldiers Aid	
26.	County Poor	150.00
27.	Memorial Day & Other Celebrations	230.00
28.	Recreation, Parks & Playgrounds	100.00
29.	Cemeteries	1,101.59
30.	Advertising & Regional Association	100.00
31.	Taxes Bought by Town	9,354.05
32.	Interest	721.11
33.	New Equipment	8,836.05
34.	Temporary Loans	45,000.00
35.	Long Term Notes & Capital Reserve Fund	1,875.00
36.	New Trust Funds	1,585.00
37.	Other Governmental Divisions	192,259.63
38.	Refunds	687.12
39.	Signs	92.85
40.	Damages	3.50
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$357,859.27

## DETAIL STATEMENT

**1. Town Officers' Salaries**

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00
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Receipts a/c Blue Cross & Blue Shield	\$ 309.00	
Marlo DeStefanis	5.00	
Town Clerk Auto Fees	633.00	
		<u>947.00</u>
		4,947.00

## Payments:

Evangeline A. Chadwick	1,800.00	
N. H. Vt. Hospitalization Service	309.00	
Donald J. Mitchell, Auditor	40.00	
Charles F. Whittemore, Selectman	650.00	
Irene C. Davis, Treasurer	165.90	
George H. Hosmer, Sr., Auditor	35.00	
George H. Hosmer, Sr., Overseer of Public Welfare	20.00	
Harold D. Hurd, Selectman	650.00	
Robert S. Bristol	650.00	
		<u>4,319.90</u>
BALANCE		\$ 627.10

**2. Town Officers' Expenses**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
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## Payments:

Postmaster, North Sutton	\$ 95.45
B. A. Adams, Dues, N. H. Town Clerk Assoc.	6.00
Merrimack County, Register of Deeds	83.18
Clara J. Tillinghast	1,464.26
Monitor Publishing Co.	27.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	125.50
N. E. Color Corp.	44.00
New London Pharmacy	1.69
E. N. Roberts	131.91
Association of N. H. Assessors	15.00
N. H. Municipal Assoc. Dues	50.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Dues	5.00
Eagle Publishing Co.	877.27



Hills Mimeo Service	6.00	
Mayflower Press	37.55	
Register of Probate	.20	
Evangeline A. Chadwick	513.45	
Robert S. Bristol	1,380.38	
Neil Martin	4.50	
W. A. Mahoney Co.	27.00	
State of N. H.	5.25	
Sears Roebuck Co.	172.75	
Donald J. Mitchell	14.00	
Harold D. Hurd	110.00	
Charles Bruning Co.	24.50	
Charles F. Whittemore	126.32	
Homestead Press	30.15	
Gerhard Gerhard	7.40	
Irene C. Davis	45.39	
Henniker District Court	2.58	
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		5,433.68
OVERDRAFT		\$ 433.68

### 3. Election and Registration

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
Receipts	
Filing Fees	<hr/> 9.00
	\$ 359.00

#### Payments:

Edson C. Eastman	\$ 3.60	
David B. Rayno	46.50	
Argus Champion	23.20	
Evangeline A. Chadwick	47.00	
Martha S. Wells	45.75	
Irene C. Davis	24.00	
Walter M. Couch	12.00	
Robert W. Patten	27.60	
Mayflower Press	22.60	
Clara J. Tillinghast	10.50	
Country Press	60.00	
Robert S. Bristol	30.00	
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		352.75
BALANCE		\$ 6.25

**4. Town Hall**

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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## Receipts:

Sutton Grange	\$120.00
Miscellaneous	11.35
George Miller	<u>230.00</u>

	<u>361.35</u>
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	\$2,861.35
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## Payments:

Jeannette Couch	426.61
Joan Craigie	6.30
John A. Bailey	4.00
Irene C. Davis	54.82
Ralph C. Dodge & Co.	9.38
MacAllister	6.50
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	172.46
Thomas Pitts	3.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.	495.96
Pat Rooney	28.10
Streeter Plumbing & Heating	210.01
Vernondale Store	11.76
Warner Fuel Co.	<u>498.15</u>

	<u>1,927.05</u>
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BALANCE

	\$ 934.30
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**5. Social Security**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00
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Receipts: (½ Tax withheld)

	<u>1,826.39</u>
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	\$4,836.39
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## Payments:

Treasurer, State of N. H.

	<u>3,652.78</u>
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BALANCE

	\$1,173.61
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**6. Police Department**

Appropriation	\$3,700.00
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## Receipts:

Pistol Permits	\$ 12.00
Junque Licenses	50.00
Dynamite Permits	10.00
Dog Fine	10.00
Kearsarge Regional School District	514.26

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 596.26

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 4,296.26

## Payments:

Lawrence Carnavale	11.85
Ralph C. Carroll	28.44
Eugene F. Crowdle	757.66
Darrell S. Sykes	49.77
Randolph Sykes	14.22
Ralph J. Whipple	749.66
William Whitehead	80.10
Eugene F. Crowdle, mileage	331.86
Ralph J. Whipple, mileage	545.68
Ralph J. Whipple, expenses	57.63
Concord National Bank	51.60
Mack's Men's Shop	134.35
Nuri Associates	276.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	4.20

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 3,093.02

BALANCE

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 \$1,203.24
**7. Fire Department**

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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## Payments:

Public Service Co.	\$ 81.05
Merrimack County Telephone Co.	438.83
Warner Fuel Co.	173.72
Main Street Texaco	43.83
Vernondale Store	78.49
State Chemical Manufacturing Co.	200.12
Sanel Auto Parts	30.89
Ernest E. Welch & Son	17.35
Chadwick & Whittemore	85.86

Earl A. Rowe	70.00	
H. A. Holt & Sons	27.20	
R. P. Johnson & Son	22.22	
Henry's Shell Station	12.66	
LaPorte's Skindiving Shop	2.00	
Capitol Glass Co.	4.00	
Bailey Brothers	17.00	
New London Hardware	8.24	
Kidder Garage Inc.	3.70	
Kellers' General Store	1.10	
Merrills' Radiator Inc.	2.30	
Mike's Auto Repair	22.10	
Heath & Lull Inc.	16.80	
Streeter Plumbing & Heating	43.95	
		<u>1,402.85</u>
BALANCE		\$ 97.15
<b>8. Forest Fire</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Payments:		
State of N. H.		<u>92.86</u>
BALANCE		\$ 107.14
<b>9. White Pine Blister Rust</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 80.00
Payment:		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 80.00
<b>10. Bounties</b>		
Appropriation		None
Due from State of N. H. Dec. 31, 1970		\$ 22.00
Less Payment		\$ 22.00
<b>11. Insurance</b>		
Appropriation		\$3,400.00
Payments:		
Concord General Mutual	\$1,111.79	
Kearsarge Insurance Agency	2,060.65	
Kearsarge Insurance Agency (Bonds)	246.00	
		<u>3,418.44</u>
OVERDRAFT		\$ 18.44



**12. Building Inspector**

Appropriation	None
Balance from 1970	\$ 495.73
Receipts, Building Permits	<u>193.00</u>
	688.73
Payment:	
James C. M. Tillinghast	<u>246.20</u>
BALANCE	\$ 442.53

**13. Planning and Zoning**

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Receipts:		
Planning board Hearings	\$ 40.00	
Board of Adjustment Hearings	<u>75.00</u>	
		<u>115.00</u>
		265.00
Payments:		
Argus Champion	100.92	
Gerhard R. Gerhard	8.54	
Barbara L. Gorton	13.35	
Hills Mimeo Service	214.50	
Rita M. Hurd	<u>8.40</u>	
		<u>345.71</u>
OVERDRAFT		\$ 80.71

**14. Health Department**

Appropriation		\$1,502.50
Payments:		
Colonial Pharmacy	\$ 7.20	
James C. M. Tillinghast	15.60	
James C. M. Tillinghast	34.20	
James C. M. Tillinghast	50.00	
New London Hospital	600.00	
Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association	<u>802.50</u>	
		<u>1,509.50</u>
OVERDRAFT		\$ 7.00

**15. Vital Statistics**

Appropriation	\$ 15.00
Payment:	
Evangeline A. Chadwick	18.50
OVERDRAFT	\$ 3.50

**16. Kezar Lake**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
No Payments	
BALANCE	\$ 500.00

**17. Town Dump**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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## Payments:

Walter M. Couch	\$1,532.86	
Merrimack Farmers	20.75	
Elbridge Rollins	5.00	
Earl A. Rowe	266.00	
New London Hardware	14.70	
James Cheney	3.00	
		<u>1,842.31</u>
BALANCE		\$ 157.69

**18. Town Maintenance**

Appropriation	\$46,000.00
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## Receipts:

Parts	\$ 229.88	
Driveways	294.50	
Gas Tax	612.99	
Insurance Adjustment	351.77	
Oiling	152.50	
		<u>1,641.64</u>

\$47,641.64

## Payments:

Richard Call	96.19
Ralph C. Carroll	4,950.57
Allen Chadwick	792.02
Eugene F. Crowdle	5,800.09
Bruce Farnham	27.73

George H. Hosmer, Jr.	8,062.97	
Peter Oberst	2,219.12	
Henry D. Palmer	1,348.35	
	<hr/>	23,297.04
Gas & Oil	3,084.85	
Gravel, tar & cold patch	4,030.44	
Machine Hire	397.50	
N. H. Vt. Hospital Service	1,046.05	
Parts and Repairs	11,134.35	
Supplies	649.42	
Insurance	487.68	
State of N. H.(Signs)	47.00	
Concord National Bank	3,215.90	
	<hr/>	24,093.19
GRAND TOTAL		\$47,390.23
BALANCE		\$ 251.41

**19. Town Road Aid**

## Payments:

Wheeler Brothers	\$ 140.16	
George H. Hosmer, Jr.	808.10	
Eugene F. Crowdle	585.85	
Ralph C. Carroll	534.11	
Peter Oberst	449.62	
Harold Rowe	1,989.25	
Concord National Bank	303.80	
Dale McLeod	1,116.00	
State of N. H.	8,349.41	
	<hr/>	\$14,276.30

**20. Street Lighting**

Appropriation	\$1,600.00
Payments:	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	<hr/> 1,722.12
OVERDRAFT	\$ 122.12

**21. General Expenses Highway Department**

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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## Payments:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$222.88
Warner Fuel Co.	989.77
Merrimack Co. Telephone Co.	271.13
Mosleys Express	<u>3.30</u>

	<u>1,487.08</u>
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## OVERDRAFT

	\$ 287.08
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**22. Library**

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
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## Receipts:

Trustees of Trust Funds	
Library Funds	
Orin Nelson Fund	\$ 114.33
John M. Pressey Fund	164.60
Lewis Richards Fund	32.48
Douglas Anderson Fund	52.64
F. E. Nelson Fund,	
Town of Sutton Trust Fund	<u>62.50</u>

	<u>426.55</u>
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	1,226.55
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## Payments:

Trustees of Library	\$1,226.55
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**23. Old Age Assistance**

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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## Receipts:

	<u>89.25</u>
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	2,589.25
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## Payments:

State of N. H.	<u>1,515.74</u>
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## BALANCE

	\$1,073.51
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**24. Town Poor**

Appropriation	\$ 200.00
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## Payments:

Kellers' General Store	\$ 15.00
Chadwick Funeral Service	250.00
George H. Hosmer, Sr.	<u>144.80</u>

## OVERDRAFT

	409.80
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OVERDRAFT	\$ 209.80
<b>25. Soldiers' Aid</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 100.00
No Payments	
BALANCE	\$ 100.00
<b>26. County Poor</b>	
Balance Due from County January 1, 1971	\$ 330.00
a/c payment	<u>150.00</u>
	480.00
Receipts from County	\$ 480.00
<b>27. Memorial Day &amp; Other Celebrations</b>	
Appropriation	\$ 250.00
Receipts	<u>13.60</u>
	\$ 263.60
Payments:	
H. A. Holt	\$ 30.00
Old Home Day Association	100.00
New London Post No. 40	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>230.00</u>
BALANCE	\$ 33.60
<b>28. Recreation, Parks &amp; Playgrounds</b>	
Appropriation	
Care of Common	\$ 50.00
Recreation	<u>100.00</u>
	150.00
Payment:	
George R. Gagnon	<u>100.00</u>
BALANCE	\$ 50.00
<b>29. Cemeteries</b>	
Appropriation	\$1,000.00

## Payments:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	22.50
Brown & Saltmarsh	5.30
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	17.38
Everett W. Howe	147.00
Herman L. Foster	166.89
Priscilla K. Foster	171.23
Concord National Bank	14.30
Merrimack Farmers	45.55
Earl A. Rowe	28.00
Elwood E. Roberts	158.75
Sherman J. Felch	6.50
R. L. Dodge	4.39
Greenlands Corp	85.00
New England Tree Experts	228.80

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 1,101.59

## OVERDRAFT

\$ 101.59

**30. Advertising and Regional Association**

Appropriation \$ 100.00

## Payment:

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region \$ 100.00

**31. Taxes Bought by Town**

## Payment:

Evangeline A. Chadwick, Tax Collector \$9,354.05

**32. Interest**

## Appropriations:

Temporary Loans \$2,200.00

Long Term Notes 450.00

## Receipts:

Interest (Taxes &amp; Sales) 1,114.85

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 \$3,764.85

## Payments:

a/c Temporary Loans 258.75

a/c Long Term Notes 65.00

a/c Taxes bought by Town 397.36

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 721.11

## BALANCE

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 \$3,043.74

**33. New Equipment**

Appropriation		\$8,700.00
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## Payments:

Genest Ford, Inc.	\$6,106.05
R. G. Hazelton Co., Inc.	<u>2,730.00</u>

	<u>8,836.05</u>
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## OVERDRAFT

	\$ 136.05
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**34. Temporary Loans**

## Payments:

Citizens National Bank	\$45,000.00
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**35. Long Term Notes and Capital Reserve Fund**

## Appropriations:

Capital Reserve Fund	\$6,775.00
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Fire Department	<u>250.00</u>
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	7,025.00
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## Payments:

Citizens National Bank	\$1,625.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>250.00</u>

	<u>1,875.00</u>
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## BALANCE

	\$5,150.00
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**36. New Trust Funds & Sale of Cemetery Lots**

## Receipts:

a/c Fred L. Davis	\$500.00
a/c Thomas E. Abbott	100.00
a/c Fred Anderson	100.00
a/c Cemetery lots	875.00
a/c balance owed 1970	<u>10.00</u>

	\$1,585.00
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## Payments:

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$1,585.00
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**37. Other Governmental Divisions**

## Payments:

County Tax		\$18,305.02
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Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		
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Debt Retirement Tax	\$ 183.02	
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Head Tax, 1970	499.50	
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Resident Tax, 1971	1,089.90	
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a/c Boat Tax	6.30	
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		<u>1,778.72</u>
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School District		
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Kearsarge Regional 1970 - 71	82,175.59	
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Kearsarge Regional 1971 - 72	<u>90,000.00</u>	
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		<u>172,175.59</u>
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TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS		\$192,259.63
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**38. Refunds**

Evangeline A. Chadwick	\$179.58	
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Roger LaMontague	70.50	
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John R. Powell	<u>437.04</u>	
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		\$687.12
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**39. Signs**

Appropriation		None
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Payments:

Britton Lumber Co.	\$ 50.00	
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Paul F. Chadwick	<u>42.85</u>	
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OVERDRAFT		\$ 92.85
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**40. Damages**

Appropriation		None
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Payments:

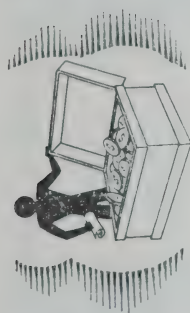
Damages	\$ 3.50	
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OVERDRAFT		\$ 3.50
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Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
1909	Mary Eaton, School Fund	\$ 150.00	\$	\$ 150.00	\$ 258.41	\$ 22.65	\$ 281.01
1909	Mary Wadleigh, Lot Fund	49.00		19.00	6.62	3.08	9.70
1909	Betsy Eaton, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	14.50	6.38	20.85
1909	Ruth Stinson, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	12.90	6.29	19.19
1910	Ruth Stinson, Yard Fund	200.00		200.00	86.52	15.91	102.43
1910	Emma Abbott, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	9.37	3.29	12.66
1912	David Johnson, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	8.29	3.24	11.53
1914	Charles Kohlrausch, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	30.41	12.87	43.28
1914	P. S. H. Wadleigh, Lot Fund	70.00		70.00	14.99	4.81	19.80
1916	Orin Nelson, Worth Poor (Needy)	1,000.00		1,000.00	527.88	85.78	613.66
1916	Orin Nelson, Library Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00		57.20	57.20
1918	John M. Pressey, Library Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00		56.88	56.88
1918	John M. Pressey, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	80.06	21.48	101.54
1922	Frank J. Pillsbury, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.29	6.52	21.81
1925	Sarah Russell, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.35	6.52	21.87



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1923	Henry Peaslee, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	9.70	3.35	13.05
1924	Mary Pressey, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	37.93	13.45	51.38
1924	Sarah Johnson, Lot Fund	95.00		95.00	11.41	6.00	17.41
1924	Mrs. Francis Ferry, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	14.43	6.45	20.88
1925	Bertha Elkins, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	13.41	6.40	19.81
1926	Arthur K. Rix, Lot Fund	250.00		250.00	88.23	19.16	107.39
1929	John Pressey, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	6.42	3.16	107.39
1928	Little & Bean, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	36.41	19.03	55.44
1928	Stephen Woodward, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	9.02	3.34	12.36
1928	George C. Pillsbury, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	12.70	6.36	19.06
1930	Arthur & Arlettie Merrill, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.59	6.51	22.10
1930	John & Jeanette Eaton, Lot Fund	75.00		75.00	9.68	4.79	14.47
1930	John Eaton, School Fund	500.00		500.00	349.75	47.70	397.45
1930	Ellen A. W. Hoyt, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.44	6.51	21.95
1930	Mathew H. Kohlrausch, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	17.47	9.47	26.94
1931	Leonard F. E. Dresser, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	17.57	9.47	27.04
1932	Abbie L. Dillingham, Lot Fund	75.00		75.00	12.46	4.92	17.38
1932	S.E. Richards & Betsy Colby, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	18.91	9.55	28.46
1933	Fred A. Felch, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	24.17	12.65	36.82
1934	Eva Nelson, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	30.18	13.00	43.18
1935	Horace Chadwick, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	23.39	12.65	36.04
1935	Moses Blaisdell, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.82	6.51	22.33
1935	Sarah Davis, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.73	6.51	22.24

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1937	Francis Chadwick, Lot Fund	100.00		200.00	12.22	31.66
1937	Mabel Howlett, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.48	24.68
1938	Emma Loud, Lot Fund	10.00		50.00	3.25	11.84
1939	Fred Fisher, Lot Fund	500.00		500.00	51.36	473.10
1941	Stephen & Helen Huse, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	34.35	251.45
1942	James & Mary Knowlton, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.48	22.77
1942	Lewis C. Richards, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	20.49	88.03
1942	Frank S. Jordan, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.51	23.37
1943	Lewis C. Richards, Yard Fund	300.00		300.00	25.27	180.87
1943	Lewis C. Richards, Library Fund	300.00		300.00	16.87	16.87
1944	F. E. Nelson, Town of Sutton Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	337.71	1,382.80
1944	F. E. Nelson, Town of Sutton Fund	Principal withdrawn 1958			3.76	70.68
1944	F. E. Nelson, Yard Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00	154.46	936.17
1944	F. E. Nelson, Town of Sutton Fund	2,500.00		2,500.00	189.27	1,115.45
1944	Edwin Wright, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	12.80	42.16
1945	John L. Andrews, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.42	21.71
1946	Asa Nelson Todd, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.46	22.47
1946	Benjamin K. Coburn, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	21.96	116.19
1947	Herbert L. Pillsbury, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	12.64	39.12
1948	John Macintosh, Lot Fund	250.00		250.00	15.98	51.87
1948	Georgianna Nelson, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	3.46	15.77
1949	Fred Roby, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.44	22.31
1949	Albert E. Chadwick, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.25	18.77

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1950	John Sergeant, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	57.58	8.80	66.38
1950	Charlotte & Geo. Wheeler, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	17.02	6.53	23.55
1950	Frank Fisher, Yard Fund	2,822.81		2,822.81	545.76	190.84	736.60
1952	Richard Hall, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	17.03	6.53	23.56
1953	Harley R. Bullard, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	14.91	6.40	21.31
1954	Minnie W. Cressey, Yard Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	579.87	316.09	895.96
1956	Carlington G. Wells, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	22.06	9.58	31.64
1956	Lucia Nolan, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	16.40	6.48	22.88
1956	Elder Frank Nelson, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.53	6.51	22.04
1956	Truman Putney, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.53	6.51	22.04
1956	James M. Nelson, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.53	6.51	22.04
1957	Edna M. Witcher, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	23.10	12.43	35.53
1957	Fred E. Merrill, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	16.56	9.30	25.86
1957	Fernando P. Ayer, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	16.52	6.51	23.03
1957	Warren Whipple, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	23.50	9.67	33.17
1957	Ralph C. Smith, Lot Fund	250.00		250.00	55.55	17.04	72.59
1958	Blanche W. Littlehale, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.65	6.44	22.09
1958	Herman J. Hazen, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	15.81	6.44	22.25
1958	Henry and Mary Mercer, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	16.02	6.46	22.48
1958	Obidiah & Austin Morgan, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	9.61	3.29	12.90
1959	Capital Reserve Fund, Bridge Fund	1,065.14		1,065.14	593.70	92.08	585.78
1959	Capital Reserve Fund, Highway Fund	Principal Withdrawn 1964			125.68	6.94	132.62
1959	E. M. & Belinda Cummings, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	16.99	6.51	23.50



# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1971

Town of Sutton							55
Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year	
1961	Don Simons, Lot Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	74.28	408.17	
1961	J. Harvey Merrill, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.27	19.16	
1961	Harvey Chadwick, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	9.58	31.51	
1961	Capital Reserve Fund, Fire Dept.	1,690.00	250.00*	1,940.00	113.86	275.15	
1961	Warren H. Simmons, Lot Fund	300.00		300.00	20.88	95.69	
1961	A. M. & E. T. Harriman, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	9.68	33.37	
1961	Robert C. & Geo. H. Todd, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.44	22.04	
1961	Henry Palmer, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.48	22.71	
1962	Addie P. Nelson, Lot Fund	220.00		220.00	14.01	45.15	
1963	Chadwick & Gardiner, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	9.52	30.46	
1963	W. P. & L. P. Chadwick, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	9.52	30.46	
1963	Fred O. Chase, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.44	22.08	
1963	Oliver French, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	3.20	10.73	
1963	George & Annie Todd, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	12.43	35.61	
1963	Mabel Chadwick, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.51	23.16	
1964	Robert E. Roby, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.35	20.36	
1964	Harry Swenson, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.32	19.87	
1965	Harvey W. Chadwick, Lot Fund	150.00		150.00	9.79	33.22	
1965	George B. Palmer, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.18	17.31	
1966	Ada L. Little, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.12	16.39	
1966	Paul & Anna Kutzner, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	6.08	15.35	
1966	Karl & Margaret Stampf, Lot Fund	35.00		35.00	2.14	5.74	
1966	Old Store Museum, Museum Fund	3,054.37		3,054.37	206.38	826.44	

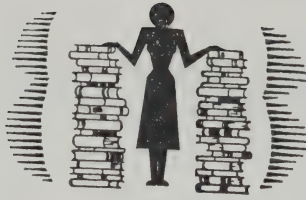
## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
1966	Pat & Estelle W. Rooney, Lot Fund	35.00		35.00	6.50	2.22	8.72
1966	Mark L. Stevens, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	16.00	12.05	28.05
1966	Old Store Museum, Museum Fund	7,063.88		7,063.88	749.04	433.90	1,182.94
1967	T. N. Prescott, Lot Fund	50.00		50.00	7.35	3.20	10.55
1967	Town of Sutton, Land & Bldg. Fund	Principal Withdrawn 1968					
1967	Delos J. Bristol, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	87.32	4.80	92.14
1967	Douglas Anderson, Library Fund	500.00		500.00	18.08	12.15	20.23
1968	Capital Reserve Fund, War Memorial	1,500.00		1,500.00		28.14	28.14
1968	I. Chadwick & R. Peters, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	142.42	91.17	233.59
1968	George and Ella French, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	5.99	5.90	11.89
1968	Edward Kelly, Lot Fund	200.00		200.00	6.58	5.93	12.51
1968	Robert V. Davis, Lot Fund	100.00		100.00	9.54	33.35	
1969	Paul & Harriett Kyburg, Lot Fund	70.00		70.00	4.56	5.87	10.43
1969	Josef & Ilisa Riedmaier, Lot Fund	70.00		70.00	6.36	4.26	10.62
1969	Helen Huse, Lot Fund	35.00		35.00	6.36	4.26	10.62
1969	Ernest & Bernice Partridge, Lot	70.00		70.00	3.17	2.12	5.29
1970	Addie P. Nelson, Lot Fund	400.00		400.00	6.36	4.26	10.62
1970	Gordon E. & Helen I. Davis, Lot	70.00		70.00	15.09	23.29	38.38
1970	Thomas Mains, Lot Fund	35.00		35.00	2.63	4.06	6.69
1970	Hartley Kimball, Lot Fund	35.00		35.00	1.30	2.01	3.31
1970	Preston H. & Marilyn L. Roby, Lot	70.00		70.00	1.30	2.01	3.31
1970	Evelyn Wasson, Lot Fund	70.00		70.00	2.19	4.04	6.23
1970		70.00		70.00	.43	3.89	4.32

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Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS Purpose of Creation Name of Fund	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Balance End Year
1971	Carlton R. & Beatrice, F. Bradford Lot Fund		150.00	150.00		5.41	5.41
1971	Fred L. Davis, Lot Fund		500.00	500.00		14.22	14.22
1971	Agusta Merrill Barnard, Lot Fund		35.00	35.00		.67	.67
1971	Helen Atherton, Lot Fund		140.00	140.00		2.63	2.63
1971	Ralph L. Buck, Lot Fund		210.00	210.00		3.13	3.13
1971	Barbara Gorton, Lot Fund		140.00	140.00		2.09	2.09
1971	Grace P. Nelson, Library Fund		43,893.44	43,893.44	1,323.36	1,323.36	
1971	Doug Anderson, Lot Fund		100.00	100.00			
1971	Genevieve A. Abbott, Lot Fund		170.00	170.00			
1971	Marilyn & Charles Hurd, Lot Fund		70.00	70.00			
1971	Shirley & Howard Hazen, Lot Fund		70.00	70.00			
		\$51,525.20	\$45,728.44	\$97,253.64	\$10,863.64	\$4,853.33	\$15,716.97

\*Added to Principal



### REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Book displays and district meetings have been attended by members of the Board.

Reference books are available for the high school students, and new books have been purchased for children and adults.

Many books and records have been donated. They are greatly appreciated.

A plaque will be placed in the trustees room in memory of Mrs. Mildred Howe and Mrs. Helena Wells former members of the Board, and for the many years of faithful service to the Library.

It has been a rewarding year with the basement remodeled and the Civic and Recreation Room ready for the citizens of the Town of enjoy. It is through the generosity of Mrs. Grace P. Nelson that this room has been made available.

Your Library Welcomes You.



**SUTTON FREE LIBRARY**  
**Statement of Income and Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1971**

Cash on Hand and in Bank, January 1, 1971	\$50,647.15
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Receipts	
Appropriation, Town of Sutton	\$ 800.00
N. H. State Aid	100.00
Interest, Town of Sutton Trust Funds, Other	426.55
Interest, Grace P. Nelson Fund	1,561.41
Gift	10.00
	2,897.96
Total Receipts	2,897.96

Total Receipts and Cash in Bank	53,545.11
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Expenses	
Books and Magazines	603.00
Records	80.55
Librarian, Salary	665.60
Care of Grounds	205.25
Heat	240.58
Electricity	190.23
Telephone	111.20
Repairs	28.00
Landscaping	173.00
Landscaping, Wooden Frames	127.65
Remodelling, Lower Level of Library Bulkhead	6,122.33
Supplies	32.13
Miscellaneous	14.10
	8,593.62
Total Expenses	8,593.62
	44,951.49

Expenses	
Transfer of Grace P. Nelson Library Fund	
Savings Account to Town of Sutton,	
Grace P. Nelson Fund, Library	
Term certificates at 6% per annum	43,893.44
	43,893.44
Cash on Hand and in Bank December 31, 1971	\$ 1,058.05

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

52	Calls	2	Runaway children
28	Accidents	7	Stray dogs
5	Persons injured	6	Unregistered snowmobiles
1	Fatal	1	Drug case
1	Abandoned car	2	Dump violations
6	Cars towed away	3	Motorists assisted
5	Cars ordered moved	1	Death reported to family
6	Breaks, stolen property valued at \$850.00	9	Court summons
		9	Convictions
16	Broken windows	4	Assists to State Police
2	Prowlers	574	Hours
2	Lost persons	7573	Miles

During the past year we have installed blue lights and a police radio in Deputy Crowdless car, and a four channel police radio in the Chief's car, which makes the department more efficient. We have been studying the possibility of having a full time Police Department, including a Police Cruiser, and we have found that there are State and Federal funds available to finance a Police Budget of \$18,000.00, on a 50-50 basis and to purchase a Police Cruiser on a 60-40 basis, and we recommend and sincerely hope that the voters will consider this favorable and appropriate the necessary funds, so that we can give them the kind of Police protection they are entitled to, and deserve.

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about the laws relative to dogs; so we are listing a few, but not all of them.

466:1 Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or older shall annually, on or before April thirtieth, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the city or town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar to which shall be attached a metal tag with the following information thereon, the name of the city or town, year of issue of license and its registered number. Said tag shall be furnished by the clerk at the expense of the city or town from the amount received from the dog license fees.

466:14 The mayor of each city and the selectmen of each town shall annually, within ten days from June first, issue a warrant to one or more police officers or constables, directing them to proceed forthwith either to collect the fees due and pay them over to their respective town or city clerk, or to kill or cause to be killed all dogs within such city or town not licensed and collared according to the provisions of this chapter,

and to enter complaint against the owners or keepers thereof; and every police officer and constable shall kill or cause to be killed all such dogs, whenever and wherever found.



*"Those last four sure put up a whale of a fight!"*

466:28 Any person may kill a dog that suddenly assaults him while he is peaceably walking or riding without the inclosure of its owner or keeper; and any person may kill a dog that is found out of the inclosure of immediate care of its owner or keeper, worrying, wounding or killing neat cattle, sheep or other domestic animals.

466:31 Dogs a Menace, a Nuisance, or Vicious.

Under this section a dog is considered to be a nuisance, a menace, or vicious to persons or property under any, or all, but not limited to, the following conditions:

- a. if it barks continuously for sustained periods of time;
- b. if it barks during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or area;

- c. while it runs at large on the streets or public property or property other than its owner's, it turns over garbage cans, waste containers, or otherwise causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owner's;
- d. while it runs at large it barks, growls, snaps at, bites, runs after or chases any person or persons;
- e. while it runs at large, it barks at, runs after or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed on the streets, highways or public ways;
- f. while it runs at large, whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, it runs after, chases, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl or human beings;
- g. while it runs at large, it digs, scratches, or excretes on any property other than its owner's;
- h. while in heat is unconfined (confinement shall mean within an enclosed building - not accessible to any other dog).

Any person who fails, by appropriate action, including, but not limited to, restraining an animal from running at large, muzzling such animal or otherwise effectively abating a nuisance found such under the provisions of this section, or who fails to comply with any other provisions of this section after being so ordered, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars, the dog taken into custody by the police or constable of the city or town, and such disposition made of the dog as the court may order.

466:37 Any city or town officer who refuses or willfully neglects to perform the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this chapter relating to dogs, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, to be paid to the town.

Ralph J. Whipple, Chief

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Conservation Commissions, by law, act primarily as advisors to selectmen or city councils. Each commission should develop plans for consideration by selectmen or councils covering desirable use of the town's natural areas.

Commissions are involved in many projects in the state. Development and protection of scenic outlooks, protection of watersheds, control of all types of pollution, development and protection of trails are typical.

One of the most important tools available to commissions is that they may accept (with the approval of selectmen) gifts for the town including easements on property. An easement is the granting by an owner of rights. Typical of rights granted by owners for the preservation of desirable areas are the right to subdivide or otherwise develop, the right to fill marshland, the right to clean cut woodland, the right to build roads etc. Rights often kept by the owner are the right to farm, to fish, to hunt, to practice forest management, to control access etc. Easements are tremendously flexible. The owner grants only those rights he wishes to grant and sets up such limitations as he wishes. Since in giving up some rights he decreases the sales value of his property he is entitled to a reduction in his assessment and therefor in his tax.

Frequently owners of unused or limited use land are interested in that land for reasons that a Conservation Commission would also be interested. Such owners often find that their objectives are well served through granting easements to a Conservation Commission. The owner pays taxes based on the rights he keeps and the rights granted to the town serve both the community and the owner.

Your commission would like to discuss any situation with any landowner who has property rights he would like to see preserved for environmental purposes in our area.

William C. King, Chairman



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Mother	Birthplace of Father and of Mother
May 17, 1971 New London, N.H.	Donald James Davis	M	Donald C. Davis, Jr. Diane F. Gallagher	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire Massachusetts
May 17, 1971 New London, N.H.	Diane Davis	F	Donald C. Davis, Jr. Diane F. Gallagher	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire Massachusetts
May 20, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	Tanya Elaine Sweet	F	Douglas H. Sweet Christine E. Hoover	Sutton, N.H.	New York California
June 14, 1971 New London, N.H.	Amy Sue Cote	F	Michael R. Cote Sue E. Duford	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
June 29, 1971 New London, N.H.	Ruth Ellen Grover	F	Frank T. Grover Dorothy M. Shattuck	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
July 1, 1971 New London, N.H.	Corbett Lowe Cochran	M	Benjamin B. Cochran Susan L. Lowe	Sutton, N.H.	Pennsylvania New Hampshire
July 8, 1971 New London, N.H.	Lisa Marie Ford	F	Lawrence R. Ford Margaret A. Davis	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
July 9, 1971 New London, N.H.	Jennifer Lynn Smith	F	Murray F. Smith Jean M. Hollis	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire Massachusetts

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<b>Date and Place of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child (if any)</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother</b>	<b>Residence of Mother</b>	<b>Birthplace of Father and of Mother</b>
July 23, 1971 New London, N.H.	Clinton Trent Chadwick	M	Walton W. Chadwick, Jr. Teresa F. Farnum	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
Aug. 18, 1971 New London, N.H.	William Howard Bagley	M	Stephen R. Bagley Georgia M. Merrill	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
Aug. 22, 1971 New London, N.H.	Peter Guild Whitehead	M	William L. Whitehead Nancy Clough	Sutton, N.H.	Massachusetts New Hampshire
Aug. 29, 1971 Concord, N.H.	Rebecca Joan Mundy	F	Floyd L. Mundy Julia E. Boodey	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
Aug. 29, 1971 Concord, N.H.	Melody Starr Derosia	F	William F. Derosia Carla B. Jensen	Sutton, N.H.	New Hampshire New Hampshire
Oct. 12, 1971 Hanover, N.H.	Keith Logan Lonsdale	M	Richard A. Lonsdale Susan A. Murphy	Sutton, N.H.	New Jersey Massachusetts
Oct. 28, 1971 New London, N.H.	Matthew Walter Gill	M.	Gregory D. Gill Kathleen E. Ellis	Sutton, N.H.	Massachusetts Massachusetts

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Date and Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 6, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	Stephen R. Bagley Warner, N.H. Georgia M. Merrill Sutton, N.H.	May 17, 1954 New Hampshire Sept. 9, 1954 New Hampshire	Howard Bagley Arlene Webber Jackson Merrill Louise Stoodley	Alf Jacobson Minister New London, N.H.
Feb. 23, 1971 Boscawen, N.H.	William F. Derosia Boscawen, N.H. Carla B. Jensen Sutton, N.H.	May 20, 1945 New Hampshire Feb. 11, 1949 New Hampshire		Rev. Oliver C. Northcott Minister of the Gospel Boscawen, N. H.
March 6, 1971 Henniker, N.H.	Benjamin B. Cochran New London, N.H. Susan L. Lowe Sutton, N.H.	Dec. 6, 1951 Pennsylvania Oct. 7, 1951 New Hampshire	Carl Cochran Eleanor Harkness Donald Lowe Florence Balchunas	Rev. Francis Butler Catholic Priest Henniker, N. H.
May 22, 1971 Andover, N.H.	John P. McGovern Sutton, N.H. Susie M. Putney Sutton, N.H.	Sept. 12, 1905 Massachusetts Aug. 18, 1914 North Carolina	Charles McGovern Catherine Kenney William Simmons Elizabeth Thomack	Donald A. Ayrton Justice of the Peace Andover, N.H.
May 31, 1971 Wilmot, N.H.	Euell D. Hickam, Jr. Sutton, N.H. Nancy L. Teach Wilmot, N.H.	June 10, 1947 Texas Jan. 3, 1950 New York	Euell D. Hickam, Sr. Anna Smith Robert Teach Mary Scheu	Michael Berenbaum Rabbi New London, N. H.

July 3, 1971 Bradford, N.H.	Stephen R. Brown Warner, N.H. Sharon E. Wheeler Sutton, N.H.	April 20, 1948 Vermont May 26, 1951 New Hampshire	Charles Brown Irene Nunn Harris Wheeler, Sr. Dorothy Storrs	Carl R. Bartle Minister Bradford, N. H.
Aug. 21, 1971 Warner, N.H.	David R. Present Sutton, N.H. Roseanne Maguire Montville, N.J.	Feb. 18, 1947 New York April 18, 1947 New Jersey	Beryl Present Sarah Rudolph Richard Maguire Sarah Witty	Robert S. Bristol Justice of the Peace Sutton, N.H.
Aug. 28, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	Bruce D. Emmerton New London, N.H. Robin A. Chalmers Sutton, N.H.	Aug. 21, 1950 Maine April 30, 1952 Vermont	George M. Emmerton Grace M. Lockhart Andrew J. Chalmers Janice M. McDurfee	Rev. Robert W. Thurston Minister New London, N. H.
Oct. 16, 1971 New London, N.H.	Alan Palmer Sutton, N.H. Nancy Simmons New London, N.H.	Oct. 16, 1946 New Hampshire April 18, 1947 Maine	Ronald Palmer Katherine Merrill Murry Simmons Frances Rogers	Thomas Mongghan Catholic Priest Franklin, N. H.
Oct. 23, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	James L. Preston Sutton, N. H. Karen N. Hopkins Warner, N.H.	Sept. 20, 1945 Massachusetts March 29, 1945 New Jersey	Arthur Preston Rita MacAllister Howard A. Hopkins Nora Carroll	Robert J. Densmore Catholic Priest Sutton, N. H.
Oct. 31, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	Norris O. Wheeler Sutton, N.H. Lorraine G. Morin Sutton, N.H.	July 4, 1949 New Hampshire March 2, 1954 Massachusetts	Norris O. Wheeler, Sr. Dorothy P. Hewey Durward Morin Dorothy Waterman	Rev. Carl R. Bartle Minister Bradford, N.H.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth and Occupation	Divorced		Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
				Single	Married	
Jan. 11, 1971 Sutton, N.H.	Frank A. Wise	M 70	Ohio Garage Owner	Married		Frank Wise Etta (unknown)
Feb. 24, 1971 Boscawen, N.H.	Levi A. Presby	M 57	New Hampshire Laborer	Widowed		John Presby Alice Palmer
March 22, 1971 Boscawen, N.H.	Jessie Genest	F 59	New Hampshire Shoe Worker	Widowed		Harry Hooper Helen Thurber
March 26, 1971 Warner, N.H.	Ellen M. Pillsbury	F 63	Teacher	Married		
April 13, 1971 Brockton, Mass.	Francis J. Gallagher	M 72	Massachusetts Mechanic	Widowed		Thomas Gallagher Mary McCashin
May 18, 1971 New London, N.H.	Mildred M. Howe	F 84	Maine Housewife	Married		Arthur Merrill Etta Gallison
June 10, 1971 Ware, N.H.	Harris E. Wheeler, Sr.	M 62	New Hampshire Mill Worker	Married		Leonard Wheeler Blance Drew
August 8, 1971 New London, N.H.	Paul J. Marble	M 63	Massachusetts Court Clerk	Married		Paul Marble Margaret O'Brien



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Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth and Occupation	Divorced		Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother
				Single	Married Widowed	
August 18, 1971 Charlestown, N.H.	Thomas E. Abbott	M 60	Maine School Principal	Married		Lincoln Abbott Mary Moran
Sept. 5, 1971 New London, N.H.	Gordon E. Davis	M 59	New Hampshire	Married	State Park Mgr.	Fred Davis Isabelle Palmer
Oct. 12, 1971 New London, N.H.	Carl H. Nelson	M 97	New Hampshire Farmer	Married		Harris Nelson Clara Sargent
Oct. 13, 1971 Concord, N.H.	Fred M. Anderson	M 88	Massachusetts Carpenter	Widowed		William Anderson Martha Larimer
Nov. 5, 1971 New London, N.H.	Orison H. Woodward	M 83	New Hampshire Saw Mill Owner	Married		George Woodward Annie Ayer
Nov. 15, 1971 Laconia, N.H.	Howard E. Hazen	M 61	New Hampshire Laborer	Married		Ernest Hazen Melissa Phelps
Nov. 25, 1971 New London, N.H.	Emery E. Lanouette	M 75	Massachusetts Storekeeper	Married		Charles Lanouette Matilda Baril
Dec. 15, 1971 New London, N.H.	Beatrice A. Bradford	F 75	Massachusetts Housewife	Married		Thomas Frost Alva Pennington

## NOTES ON TOWN POOR AND THE TOWN FARM OF SUTTON

taken from Proceedings of Town Meeting Records

1814 - 1901.

*At first the poor, individually, were put up at auction as by this vote:*

March 12, 1814

On motion voted that the maintaining of the town poor be put up at Vendue to be struck of to the person who will do the same for the least sum said poor to be boarded nursed fed and lodged to be furnished with all the necessities of life as well as every thing else calculated to make them quiet and content both in health and in sickness the doctors bills to be paid by the town said poor to be kept till the next annual meeting the clothing and bedding to be furnished by the town. And the person or persons who engage to keep any or all of the aforesaid poor shall immediately procure satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the above requisitions. And the Selectmen Shall at all times have the care and direction of said poor to put to new places at any time when they think proper. The persons engaging to keep said poor to be entitled to all the reasonable services of said poor so long as they remain with them.

*The pages of the records are filled with dismal lists of the auctioning off of the poor persons:*

Mr. Jesse Manning engaged to keep Thomas Walker and his wife the ensuing year at the rate of ninety six cents per week. 3/12/1814 Mr. Ebenezer Simons engage to keep Francis Coomer and his wife for one dollar and thirty three cents and on third of a cent per week the ensuing year. 3/12/1814

March 12, 1817

Jacob Bean contracted to support Francis Coomer and his wife the ensuing year at the rate of \$1.29 per week and Jonathan Nelson contracted with the town for the support of Thomas Walker and his wife at the rate of \$1.69 per week the ensuing year.

April 11, 1817

Motion being made voted as the sense of this meeting that no provision ought to be made for the support of Cornelius Bean and his wife by the town of Sutton.

*Or the town undertook the support of certain paupers in return for the property of the same:*

April 11, 1817 On motion voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Davis Farm and make such arrangement relative to said farm with Jacob Davis and others for carrying on the same as to them may seem proper for the best interests of the town.

March 9, 1819 On motion voted that for the further support of Mr. Jacob Davis and family the Selectmen be authorized to sell the farm and property which the said Davis has conveyed to the town of the Selectmen shall deem it for the best interest of the town.

April 26, 1819 Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Davis farm and family and let or rent out the farm in any way they may deem for the best interest of the town.

March 10, 1829 On motion voted to Build a house on the Davis farm for the purpose of supporting the poor on said farm.

*Or the town took care of the poor that were not "fortunate" enough to be auctioned off:*

March 9, 1819 On motion voted that the Selectmen dispose of and make such provision for such of the town's poor as are not provided for in such way and manner as to them shall seem meet for the best interest of the town.

April 26, 1819 Voted that the Selectmen make such help and support to Abigail Colburn as they may deem expedient.

*Some poor received "special" treatment:*

April 26, 1819 Voted that the Selectmen be directed to take Moses Smith and his wife with their effects from New London to this town if they are to be any more expense to this town and that they be put up at Vendue - Mr. Moses Davis being the highest bidder engaged to support the said Moses Smith and his wife till the next March meeting at the rate of one dollar and thirty cents per week who is to have the use of their household furniture during said term.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to prosecute in behalf of the town Moses Smith Jr. for the support and maintenance of his father Moses Smith.

March 13, 1821 Voted that the Selectmen make such provision for the support of Ezekiel Heath on the most cheap and advantageous conditions that they can for the town.

March 12, 1822 On motion voted that the support of Thomas Walker and his wife and Francis Como be put up at Vendue to be comfortably supported for the term of one year next ensuing to be furnished with everything necessary to make them as comfortable as their circumstances will admit viz. board lodging mending nursing spirit tobacco - the clothing and bedding to be furnished by the town and the Doctor bill to be paid by the town - and the person who bids off to take them where they now are free of any charge to the town for moving them.

March 15, 1826 On motion voted the Selectmen furnish Jonathan Stevens, Jr. with a Cow for the use of his family through the summer and provide pasturing for the same.

August 19, 1826 On motion voted the town will not assist the David Eaton family in moving to the State of New York.

*Special conditions for children!:*

April 2, 1831 On motion voted to put at auction the maintenance of Hezekiah Parkers three children, to be fed clothed and to have the benefit of the district schooling, the girls until they are eighteen years of age and the boy until he is twenty one years of age, and to clear the town from all expense. John Stevens contracted to maintain Sally Parker until she be eighteen years of age for the sum of forty four dollars and fifty cents, \$44.50. John Eaton contracted to maintain Hanah Parker until she shall be eighteen years old for \$58.50. Samuel Chadwick contracted to support Amos Parker until he is twenty one years of age for \$80.00.

*For parents:*

March 11, 1835 Voted that that town will now contract with Benjamin F. Marsh to support his Father and Mother, Ezra Marsh and Sally Marsh, during their natural lives, provided that he will do it for fifty dollars a year, and provided also if he shall fail to procure sufficient sureties to indemnify said town, from year to year, he shall forfeit the fifty dollars for supporting them the previous year.

Voted that the bond presented by Benjamin F. Marsh for the support of his Father and Mother, Ezra and Sally Marsh, be accepted.

March 10, 1841 On motion voted that the Selectmen be instructed to furnish Doct. Marsh with suitable means at a suitable time to visit his children.

*There evolved from the system of caring for individuals the practice of one person caring for several of the paupers; the poor were still auctioned off but in groups:*

March 9, 1824 On motion voted that all town paupers dependent on the town for support or part support be put up at Vendue to be boarded nursed and cloathed comfortable - the person contracting to support them to do the same for the term of one yar and at the years end their clothes to be as good as they now are except the necessary wear of the bedding - the person contraction to perform the same to be entitled to all the reasonable services and labor of said town paupers and to give good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of his said contract - the physicians bills to be paid by the town - Francis Comø is excepted from the above contract. Mr. Jesse Blake Jr. contracted support the above said town poor for the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars but Mr. Blake said he did not fully understand the contract and would not be holden whereupon the same was again put at vendue and struck off to Reuben O. Porter for the sum of two hundred eighty eight dollars.



March 9, 1825 On motion voted that whoever shall contract hereafter for the Support of town Paupers shall receive no extra compensation for their support.

*The idea of a Town Farm began to appear in 1824 March 9, 1824 Voted to pass over the article in these words, "to see if the town will grant the petition of John Pressey and others praying that the town would build a Poor House on the Davis Farm" March 15, 1826 Motion being made voted John Harvey Robert Lane Benjamin Wadleigh be a Committee to examine into the best mode of supporting paupers and that they report thereon.*

### A Report of Committee on Support of Town Paupers

March 13, 1827

The committee appointed by the Town of Sutton to ascertain the cheapest and most effectual mode of supporting town paupers having attended to that duty ask leave to make the following report.

They have made inquiry from various sources in this state and in the state of Massachusetts and find the end of pauperism is a common lot. Although the burthen presses more heavily in some places than in others. We also find that the general method of their support has hitherto been similar to the long established mode in the town of Sutton which is to set them up at their annual meeting to the lowest bidder and the person who takes them is entitled to all the profits of their labour. But from this general rule we find exceptions and what we believe to be a great improvement thereupon. Some instances of this we will name. In the town of Haverhill Mass. which for ages has been burdhened with a heavy pauper tax untill within a few years they have purchased a small farm with suitable buildings to accomodate their paupers and have employed an overseer to superinten this same. This establishment is now in successful operation so that they have lately enlarged the farm by the purchase of numbers of acres and calculate that instead of a tax it will soon be a source of profit to the town. The town of Chester in this state have adopted a similar method with success.

In several other towns that have adopted the mode of maintaining their paupers on a farm the experience have been reduced from five twelveths paupers on a farm the experience have been reduced from five twelveths to nothing. When we take into view the enormous tax which the town of Sutton has paid for the support of paupers amounting to the sum of **eighteen hundred dollars for the last four years**, we believe that one half might have been laid in a farm and poor house and the other half could have supported the paupers - which if our estimates are correct would have saved to the town a clear gain of a house and farm in four years.



We are further authorised to state that in several towns that have adopted the poor house plan the wholesome discipline of these establishments has evidently had a salutary influence on the morals of the idle and intemperate in these places.

It operates as a penitentiary on such characters while it affords a comfortable residence for the unfortunate. Under the considerations we do not hesitate to recommend to the town of Sutton to provide a farm and poor house for the maintenance of the paupers.

Sutton March 4, 1827 John Harvey for the Committee  
Which Report was accepted.

March 10, 1829 On motion Voted to build a house on the Davis farm for the purpose of supporting the poor on said farm.

On motion voted a committee of five be raised to make a plan and estimate the costs of erecting a poor house and report at the next town meeting.

On motion voted that the above named committee to be appointed attend to said duty free of expense to the town and Messrs. John Harvey Dudley Morrill John Pillsbury John Adams Jr. and Amos Pressey were severally chose said committee.

*And six years later the Poor House had yet to be built!*

March 9, 1836 Voted, that a committee be chosen to examine the Davis farm and to propose a suitable site to erect a Poor House and to estimate the probable cost to erect one of bricks, and also the probable cost of erecting one of wood, and also the probable cost of repairing the barns on said farm, or erecting a new barn and to contract for the materials to erect said house and to repair the barns, or for building a new barn, so that they may be on the premises next spring ready for use.

*Success, the Poor Farm came into being.*

March 15, 1847 On Motion, Voted that the proposal of Edward Dodge for a Poor Farm be accepted.

On Motion, Voted, that the Selectmen contract for the support of the poor, untill the first day of April, and then they be removed to the Poor House.

On Motion, Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to hire an Agent to carry on and manage the affairs of the Poor Farm and to purchase stock and farming tools.

*The Poor House becomes a House of Correction*

March 15, 1837 On Motion, Voted that the Poor House be a house of correction.

March 14, 1838 On Motion, Voted to choose a committee to draft a code of bye laws suitable for making the town poor house a house of correction to be

reported at the next town meeting. Chose Jonathan Harvey, John Pillsbury, and Benjamin Wadleigh said committee.

By Laws adopted for the regulation of the Poor House and House of Correction, in the town of Sutton.

The committee appointed by the town of Sutton at a legal town meeting holden on the 13th day of March, 1838, to prepare and lay before the town a system of By Laws, suitable for ruling, governing and punishing such person or persons as may be committed to the House of Correction, or Work House, have had that subject under consideration, and, report for the consideration of the town, the following rules, orders, and regulations, and also a resolution accompanying the same.

Committee:

Jona. Harvey

Banja Wadleigh

John Pillsbury

Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for ruling, governing and punishing such person or persons as may be committed to the House of Correction or Work House, in the town of Sutton, in the County of Merrimac and State of New Hampshire.

1st That the Overseers of the Poor for the time being, be and they are hereby appointed the officers for the government of said House of Correction or Work House, and they are hereby fully athrowized and empowered to select and appoint a suitable person to be the Superintendent osaid House of Correction or Work House. And said Superintendent, who may be appoint shall have all the power which can be vested in him by virtue of an act passed December 16 1828 and in conformity to these rules, orders, and regulations.

2nd That any rogue, vagabond, lewd, idle or disorderly person or persons going about juggling or begging, or persons using any subtle craft or unlawful games or plays, or persons pretending to have knowledge in physognomy, or palmistry, or persons pretending they can tell destinies for fortunes or discover by any spells or magic art where lost or stolen goods may be found, common fiddlers pipers, runaways, stubborn servants or children, common drunkards, common night walkers, pilferers, persons wanton or lacious in speech, conduct or behavior, common railers, or brawlers, such as neglect their calling, or employment, misspend what they earn, and such as not provide for themselves for the support of their families, upon conviction of any of the offences aforesaid before any Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Merrimac, on complaint made in writing may be committed to said House of Correction, or Work House, if said offender be apprehended in said town, to be kept and governed and punished according the the rules, orders and regulations of said House of Correction or Work House.

3rd That any person or persons that may be committed to said House of Correction or Work House, by any Justice of the Peace, for any of the offences or disorders aforesaid, shall be detained and kept there for the term of not less than thirty days, and not exceeding six months, and shall be confined to hard labor and to wear fetters or shackles or be confined in a dark cell and fed on bread and water not exceeding forty eight hours at any one time; and the said superintendent is hereby authorised and empowered to inflict any or all of said punishments, during such confinement in said House of Correction as he may think reasonable.

4th That in any case where any person or persons shall be so committed as aforesaid for any of the offences or disorders aforesaid, and shall conduct properly and with decorum, the superintendent shall have power and authority to release such person or persons from all the punishment except that of hard labor; and also hard labor in case of sickness or inability, may not be required to be performed. And the superintendent is hereby authorized and empowered to give such person or persons as good and sufficient food and drink, and as good and comfortable beds and bedding as the poor that may be kept in such house are furnished with.

6th That in case any person or persons so committed shall abscond or depart from said House of Correction before the expiration of the time ordered and affixed in the order and sentence by which said person or persons shall be committed, and without the consent or permission of the Overseers of the Poor, the superintendent shall have full power and authority to pursue and arrest and bring back such person or persons so absconding or departing illegally to said House of Correction or Work House.

7th That said superintendent shall have full power and authority to confine any persons that may be committed to said House of Correction or Work House in some secure place to prevent such person or persons from absconding or departing without lawful authority. Also that the Overseers of the Poor be and they are hereby empowered to bind out to labor or employ in said House of Correction or Work House, any person or persons residing in said town, who live idly and pursue no lawful calling or business, and are poor and stand in need of relief of said town.

8th That the overseers of the poor for the time being shall have full power and authority to make all such rules and regulations and By Laws for the good management and government of said House, and the poor that may be kept therein, as they may think proper, and that the superintendent shall have power to manage, regulate and control the same poor persons, who may be kept therein, by confinement in a dark cell, and keeping them on bread and water and by making them work when able, where ever he may think necessary, subject however to the general orders and directions of the overseers of the poor.



A true copy - Exam'd. Enoch Page, Town Clerk.

Resolved, tht the foregoing By Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations be adopted by the town of Sutton and be applied to and of full force and effect at the Poor or Work House in said town, agreeably to the provision an Act of the State passed December 16, 1828.

On motion, Voted, tht the above resolution pass.

Attest - Enoch Page, Town Clerk

*The operation of the Poor House was started attended with many details to be worked out:*

March 14, 1838 On motion voted to give Mrs. Hubbard mistress of the poor house the sum of ten dollars as a deed of charity.

On motion voted that the town receive proposals from any person or persons wishing to take charge of the town poor house and farm for the space of three hours.

February 2, 1839 On motion voted that the purchasing of a cooking stove for the use of the town poor house be refered to the Selectmen.

*Annual Reports of the Pauper Establishment were made to the Town at each meeting.*

Report for the year ending February 11, 1851

It is believed the clothing of the paupers is as good as last year, that, there will be a Supply of Provisions with the exception of potatoes which on account of the rust and rot was a light crop. It was thought best to have the town furnish furniture sufficient for the use of the establishment and the agent has bought the required furniture and one stove which has not been took into account.

From the reports of the Poor House the population of steady inmates varied from 8 in 1854 to a high of 13 in 1857, averaging 10 until 1865, and then dwindled to 3 in 1872.

Balances against the establishment appeared in nearly every year from the smallest in 1854, \$2.35 to a high in 1858, \$775.55. In one year the operation was in the black, 1865, \$133.82.

*A glowing report on "Present Condition of the Establishment" was made February 12, 1859:*

We find the affairs of the establishment is a comparatively prosperous condition. There has been no death at the Establishment during the past year, and the family so far as our knowledge extends has been well fed well clothed and kindly cared for. Although reports prejudicial to the reputation of the establishment, and the agent, have been industriously circulated we have the best

of reason to believe them utterly false, and put in circulation by malignant and disigning persons from motions of personal malace. We think it but just to speak in terms of praise in regard to the management of our present agent. Since he took charge of the establishment we find its affairs have been purdently and judiciously managed both in the house and on the farm. Neatness, order, and frugality are apparent in every department. The stock of provisions on hand are more ample than for either of the last two years and are preserved in the best of order, Upon examination of the farm we find the Orchardring Old and unproductive, and the Supply of fruit very limited and of poor quality. We would suggest to the town the propriety of taking measures to remedy this defect by immediately ordering an amply supply of young fruit trees to be set out in the best localities the farm afford, which would soon give an ample supply of choise fruit and not only contribute to the health and comfort of the family but would increase the valueof the farm and eventually yield a surplus profit. We would also call the attention of the town to the necessity of providing some profitable employment to such paupers as cannot be adantagiously employed in the ordinary business of the farm. We would without attempting to dictate in this matter suggest for the consideration of the town the propriety of establishing the straw of braiding business at the farm. This would be light work which the children and more feeble adults could more profitable engage in than almost any ohter business. Another advantage inthe Straw manufacturing business would be, the Stock to be worked up may be produced on the farm at but very little expence.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
 Thomas S. Wadleigh,  
 Ephraim Bean,  
 Benjamin F. Pillsbury,  
 Selectmen of Sutton

*In the 1880's efforts were made to dispose of the Poor Farm.*

June 19, 1880 the town voted to sell, November 2 of the same year they voted to keep the Town Farm.

March 8, 1881 Article 6 To see if the town will vote to raise \$1,000 to repair the buildings on the Town Farm purchase furniture for the house and the necessary tools to carry on the Farm.

On motion Voted to raise One Thousand Dolloar \$1,000.00

April 10, 1885 an Article in the Warrant asked if the Town would sell the TownFarm and at the meeting action on the article was post-poned indefinitely.

March 11, 1891 Voted to sell the Town Farm and the chairman of the Board of Selectment is authorized to sell and convey the same.







## HELP WANTED

This advertisement asks for volunteers for various committees, and offices in Town. It is our feeling that many people may be interested in one or more of the various jobs, but their interests, and talents are unknown to us. It would be far more satisfactory to have individuals tell us what they might like to do and this information could be translated into assignments on the several committees; or to fill vacancies in Town offices. Please leave your name at the Round Room office with the Secretary during the day Mondays, or with the Selectmen Monday evenings, and before March 7, 1972.

## HELP WANTED — YOUR TOWN WANTS — YOU

Board of Adjustment	Overseer of Public Welfare
Budget Committee	Planning Board
Building Inspector	Police Department
Checklist Supervisor	Road Agent
Civil Defense Director	Selectman
Conservation Commission	Tax Collector
Custodian of the Town Hall	Town Clerk
Library Trustee	Treasurer
Moderator	Trustee of Trust Funds
Old Store Museum	



